Bill Clinton's Nemesis, Or Rancorous Remains Of an Old Friendship

By Laura Blumenfeld

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Washington Past Service
LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — He winds through the footbills of the Ouachita Mountains, aims and fires, verbal buckshot intended for a man long gone from these parts. Past the creeks and the hog shacks and Ozark Annie's. Gift Shop, Cliff Jackson riddles a man he once called friend:

"Deceit, manipulation, exploitation," Mr. Jackson says, his claracterization of Bill Clinton's approach to people. His eyes never bug, his worce never wobbles. He speaks with the confidence of someone with no doubts.

For years he has been trying to spread the word. During the presidential campaign he tipped off reporters about Mr. Clinton's draft record. Last week, he produced Arkansas state. troopers to declare that the president was unfaithful and tried to bribe people to keep quiet.

Joking about his sudden prominence, Mr. Jackson says, "People wonder, Who is this

Like Mr. Clinton, Mr. Jackson was a poor, smart boy from southwestern Arkansas. Both were born in 1946, won fellowships to Oxford, attended good law schools and then came home. to Little Rock. They were politically ambitious. But Mr. Jackson lacked the luster, the back-

lit radiance that assures public success. While Mr. Clinton was smooth and outgoing Mr. Jackson was a quirky loner. If Mr. Clinton was velvet, Mr. Jackson was Velcro. In 1976, they both ran for office in Arkansas.

Mr. Clinton won easily in a statewide contest. Mr. Jackson — a Republican who ran as an independent — lost in a county race and retreated from politics.

treated from politics.

Clinton people say that "deceit, manipulation and exploitation" apply more aptly to Mr. Jackson than to the president. "Cliff is like a pimple that keeps coming back," says Beisey. Wright, a close Clinton aide from Little Rock. "He is so hungry for fame that he is obsessed with making if at Relia linton's greater?" with making it at Bill Clinton's expense."

Mr. Jackson says he's spurred by clove for my country," that he is not carrying on a vendetta but exposing the abuse of power:

But anyone who has been to high school will recognize the story of Bill and Cliff. At Oxford, where they met 25 years ago, they were similar ly bright and driven. One accomplished his highest goals. The other watched, simmering.
They were the only two Arkansans in a strange land. Oxford, September 1968, and two boys who grew up 20 miles apart — Bill in Hot Springs, Cliff in Antioch — met in England. Mr. Clinton was a Rhodes scholar, Mr. Jackson

was there on a Fulbright.

The friendship was casual, although Mr.
Jackson recalls denils with remarkable clarity. The pair visited each other's rooms, played basketball on the same B-league team—Cliff a center, Bill a forward—and won the championship with a 17-6 season record. Mr. Jackson remembers a game of shooting baskets they played against each other. The match went on

losever with one point to go, then Bill sank "a side shot from out a ways and I finally lost." They also turned up at the same parties. And after a couple of months Mr. Jackson began to think that Mr. Clinton's glad-handing was

"phony, plastic."
"I'd never seen anyone so obsessed with power," he says. "I was fiercely competitive, he was the first guy who was more competitive than me."

He perceived Mr. Clinton's gregariousness as political zeal: "I knew at Oxford Bill would be

A mutual friend at Oxford, a Rhodes scholar named Jim Wangh, says that Mr. Jackson was really the more ambitious of the pair. He says that Mr. Jackson's endless monologues on his feelings toward Mr. Clinton can be summed up

When Bill was in the room he was the center of attention. Bill went out of his way to include people," Mr. Waugh says. "Cliff was a maver-ick, a sort of scratchy, prickly person. He just didn't have the accurren bill had to make people icei comiortable."

While Mr. Jackson says that Mr. Clinton was a shanteless womanizer, Mr. Wangh says, "Of all my friends at Oxford, Cliff was the most obsessed by sex."

In the summer of 1969, Mr. Jackson's vague distante for Mr. Clinton jelled. He wrote to a distaste for Mr. Clinton jelled. He wrote to a friend about Bill Clinton in a letter dated Aug. 27. 1969: "His syrupy-sweet cultivation of friendships, and tendencies... to speak in the superlative about everyone and everything rather grates on my nerves."

Mr. Jackson, then a Republican with connections, says he had helped pull strings to kill Mr. Clinton's draft notice. Mr. Jackson himself had a 1-Y. deferment from a "friendly doctor" for

a 1-Y determent from a "friendly doctor" for medical reasons. He suffered from allergies and

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Claudio Celli of the Vatican and Yossi Beilin of Israel exchanging copies of the pact on recognition in Jerusalem on Thursday.

Israel and the Vatican to Open Embassies Within 4 Months

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Vatican recognized each other Thursday, trying to put behind them a "history full of hatred, fear and ignorance" between Jews and Roman Catholics. The accord came at the end of a series of diplomatic breakthroughs

for Israel, and it gave the Vatican what it hopes will be a voice in the future of the city of Jerusalem. Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, and Claudio M. Celli, the Vatican undersecretary of foreign relations, signed an agreement

of principles at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. "The signing was a victory for sanity, the Jewish people and the state of Israel," Mr. Beilin said.

"Behind the agreement there are thousands of years of history full of hatred, fear and ignorance, with a few islands of understanding, of cooperation," he said.

The influence the Vatican has on the Catholic nations of the world and on almost a billion believers is tremendous," Mr. Beilin added. Monsiener Celli called it an event "of fundamental religious and spritual significance for millions of people.

Full ambassadors will be named and embassies opened after subcommittees work out legal details and the accord is ratified by the Israeli government. Israel said ambassadors would be appointed within four months.

President Ezer Weizman said he hoped it would open the way for a visit by John Paul II, the first by a Pope to Israel in 30 years. He has accepted an invitation in principle, but no date has been set.

While Mr. Beilin was hailing the agreement as opening a new era in

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - A reversal of Taipei's

four-decade ban on direct transport links with

China, a move unexpectedly supported by Tai-wan's economics minister, could signal a shift

The Taipei stock market shot up nearly 5

percent Thursday, to its highest close of the year, after Economics Minister Chiang Pin-

kung advocated opening direct shipping routes to China as a means of boosting the island's

But in Hong Kong, which has served as

in Asian trade away from Hong Kong.

relations, dissenting voices in Israel said there was too much blood-

shed to be erased by a scrap of paper.

Outside the building, about 80 religious Israelis demonstrated against it. They chanted "The People of Israel Live!" and waved signs recalling the inquisition.

Critics argued the church must not be forgiven for 2,000 years of bigotry that claimed the suffering of the Jews was God's punishment

The Vatican seeks to defend its position in the Arab world. Page 5.

for their refusal to accept Christianity, which they said fostered anti-Semitism and planted the seeds for the Holocaust in which six million

Jews perished during World War II.

Ha aretz, Israel's liberal daily, said the church "persecuted the Jews in the Middle Ages and the pages of its history are stained with Jewish blood." The paper added that the church "should not be forgiven for

Other papers voiced suspicion that the Vatican took the step after so many years only to elbow into the final status talks on Jerusalem that are supposed to be completed by 1998 under the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A Vatican statement stressed that it seeks an internationally declared "special status" for Jerusalem and guarantees about freedom of worship and access to the holy places for all religions. The church had resisted recognition of the Jewish state since its

establishment in 1948, citing Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the See TIES, Page 5

North Korea And U.S. Cite Progress on **Nuclear Rift**

Issues of Inspection And Talks With South 'Closer' to Resolution

Compiled by Ona Staff From Dispatch TOKYO - North Korea announced Thursday that there had been a "breakthrough" in

the latest round of talks with the Americans over its suspected nuclear weapons program.
In a separate statement in Washington several hours later, the State Department said U.S. negotiators had "moved closer" to obtaining North Korean agreement on two key points: allowing United Nations technicians to inspect auclear sites north of Pyongyang and opening a

dialogue with South Korea on the nuclear issue. The comments by the two sides were the most promising sign to date that a diplomatic resolution tray be possible in a dispute seen by some as the most dangerous international issue

facing President Bill Clinton. The United States and its allies fear that North Korea is close to building a nuclear bomb from materials associated with a legitimate nuclear power program. The North Koreans contend the program is for peaceful pur-poses only, but nevertheless have refused to open all their sites to international inspection. which they are required to do under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The first solid report of progress came in a dispatch early Thursday from the official North Korean press agency KCNA monitored in To-kyo. It quoted a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman who said a deal was close after talks in New York on Wednesday.

"Through the latest contact, the sides removed a series of stumbling blocks which had brought the D.P.R.K.-U.S. talks to a deadlock and made a breakthrough for the progress of the talks by displaying the spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation," the spokes-

He said that the United States had expressed readiness to stop its annual military exercises with South Korea. Pyongyang, in exchange. had basically agreed to the resumption of inspections of its nuclear sites by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the spokesman said.

"We will make continued efforts for a complete solution of the nuclear issue through the D.P.R.K.-U.S. talks." the spokesman said. He did not give details of when the talks would

Later in the day, the State Department issued a statement saying: "Our objectives in the current round of informal talks in New York remain North Korean acceptance of the IAEA inspections required to maintain safeguards at seven declared nuclear sites in North Korea and commencement of a serious dialogue between the North and the South on the nuclear

"As a result of the most recent talks, we believe we have moved closer to meeting those objectives," the statement said.

"We expect our dalogue to continue," the department said. "No new meeting is currently scheduled but we aspect to have further contacis soon."

In anticipation of a breakthrough, the South Korean government held a high-level strategy meeting in Seoul according to South Korea's Yonhap news agney.

Song Young Iae, South Korea's deputy min-ister for reunifiation, said, "The United States and North Kora have yet to arrive at complete agreement, butheir positions neared an accord

to a substanti: extent," The South orean agency quoted officials as saying after 13 meeting, at which Prime Minister Lee Hoi hang presided, that the government believe the talks in New York may

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An IRA Killing Blackens Hopes for a Quick Peace

By William E. Schmidt

LONDON - An Irish Republican Army sniper on Thursday shot to death a British soldier on parrol in Northern Ireland, raising doubts whether the leadership of the IRA was giving any consideration to a two-week-old British-Irish iniative annued at bringing peace to the province.

The killing, which the IRA-publically acknowledged, was the first in the province since Britain and Ireland launched their peace bid Dec. 15, challenging Sinn Pein, the IRA's political wing to forswear terror and violence in favor of seat at peace talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

It came a day after the IRA issued its annual New Year's message, signaling that it wanted peace but was not yet prepared to give up its 25year-long armed campaign to drive the British out of the province and reunite Ireland. But in their statement Wednesday, the group did not outright reject the peace initiative, suggesting instead Britain would have to give more if it. wanted to bring an end to violence in Northern

The soldier was killed by a single suiper's bullet while on foot patrol in the village of Crossnaglen, along the border with the hish-Republic, it was the fifth attack on British Republic. It was the fifth attack on British called "transwork for peace," republican milsoldiers and security personnel in the province tants in the province have stopped short of an
since the IRA ended its annual 72-hour Christ—contright rejection of their militarive, suggesting
mas cease-fire Monday. On Wednesday night, a instead they are still multime it over

soldier was signify wounded when a morar was fired on a British patrol in Bellast.

Coming in the days after Christmas, during a period which British and Irish leaders have described as a historic window of opportunity

for peace, the killing provoked varying expres-sions of outrage and despair. To murder when peace is being explored is cynical and offensive to everyone, and can only add to speculation that consideration of peace is not being taken seriously by the IRA," said Samus Mallor, the deputy leader of the mod-erate Social Democratic and Labor Party, which claims the largest number of adherents among the mostly Catholic republican community in Northern Ireland.

But while Sir John Wheeler, Britain's senior official in Northern Ireland, called the killing a wicked crime," he held out hope the IRA might still come around. In these lost days of 1993, after so much death and terror, is the Provisional IRA really going to continue to hick peace in the teeth? he asked. It is still not 100 late to make 1994 the year of peace."

Others feared the killing would only increase resistance and suspicion of the peace initiative among members of the mostly Protestant Unionist community, who make up the majority of the people in Northern Ireland and support the continuation of the province's historic links with Britain.

In the two weeks since Prime Ministers John Major of Britain and Albert Reynolds of Ire-

Both Dublin and London say the framework, as it now stands, is nonnegotiable, and the next step is for the IRA to call a cease-line and See ULSTER, Page 5

middleman for Beijing and Taipei ever since the Nationalist army was defeated by the Commu-nists and fled to Taiwan in 1949, analysts exed concern that the policy shift in Taiwan

Talk of Taiwan Thaw Chills Hong Kong

would hurt the British colony's economy. "Hong Kong will lose millions and millions."
Roy Deibyck, a lawyer in Hong Kong and a vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce, told Bloomberg Business News.
"Hong Kong becomes less and less of a staging area for China business, and that's a big prob-

Taiwan's business community has increas-ingly urged ignoring political considerations and pushing for increased contact with China's

has actively encouraged. But Taipei, fearing its old enemy would use economic leverage to force its hand, has sought to limit Taiwan's investment on the mainland

and to slow the flow of foreign funds into its financial markets. It has done this in the face of its manufacturers' growing need to take advan-tage of China's cheaper labor and desire to benefit from its explosive growth in trade. Several Taiwan legislators have risked criticism by the governing Kuomintang, or Nation-

alist Party, and the opposition Democratic Pro-See TAIWAN, Page 13

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Sudan Expels Britain's Amlassador

NAIROBI (Renters) — Sudan has ordered the British ambassador in Khartoum to leave the country, the Sudanese news agency, SUNA, reported Thursday, Britain con-firmed the report and called the move "a iotally unjustified action."

The report said Amhassador Peter Streams was given two weeks to leave. There was no. immediate explanation but the move coincid ed with a dispute in which the archbishop of Canterbury. George Carey, has decided to visit the rebel-held area of southern Sudan but not Khartoum

A British Foreign Office spokesman said that the Sudanese charge d'alfaires in London had been summoned to explain the ex-Book Review

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Down 18.45 ື່ Up 0.05% 3,775,88 111.04 The Dollar 1.7275 1.477 111.75 5.8665 General News The PLO said it hope to reach agreement soon on Israeli troop bilouts. Page 5.

At 70, Franco Zelfirelli hows no signs of slowing down, with a record opera produc-tion in Rome and a newfilm. Page 6.

Bonn Charges 4 Rightists In Arson Deaths of Turks

By Rick Atkinson

BERLIN - Four ultrarightist youths were charged Thursday with murder in the arson deaths of five Turks last May in the West German town of Solingen, the federal prosecutor's office amounced.

The charges capped a seven-month investigation into the attack, which claimed more victims than any other act of xenophobic violence since German reunification in 1990. The murders triggered several days of noting

by members of Germany's large Turkish population and prompted international demands that Bonn crack down harder on far-right ter-Newsstand Prices

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In keeping with German judicial procedures, the accused were identified only as two juveniles, both aged 16, and two older defendants, Markus G., 24, and Christian B., 20. All four have been in police custody for seven months.

The indictment sets the stage for a trial in

Disseldorf, probably early next year. Manifed Hofmann, a spokesman for the prosecutor's office, said in a telephone interview that the delay in bringing charges was to custore that the "investigation was carried out thoroughly and carefully." The defendants were charged with 5 counts

of murder, 14 counts of anempted murder and aggravated arson. According to a statement from the prosecutor's office, three of the defendants were involved in a brawl on the night of May 29 at a Solingen pub with two foreigness they mistak-enly assumed were Turks. Thrown our of the har and vowing revenge, they were joined by the fourth suspect as they headed toward a horizo occupied by several Turkish families. As the two older defendants stood watch on the street, the two others allegedly set fire to the

from hallway with newspapers soaked in flam-

"The four secused fled after the crime," the See GERMANY, Page 5

ANTI-WAR PROTEST IN GEORGIA — A refugee from the republic of Abkhazia pleading for peace on Thursday in a demonstration in the Georgian capital, Thilisi.

In India, 'Decent Marriage' Often Has a Fatal Flaw

ables, who never traditionally gave downes, and, with a ven-

And with the spread of the practice has come a rapid rise in

By Edward A. Gargan

New York Times Service BANGALORE, India - A few days ago, police arrested Nagavam's husband. It came none too soon: She's still alive. "My husband wanted a house in his name," she began, whispering, "He wanted a 30,000-rupee scooter," about \$1,000. "He said if I did not give him this, he would take me to the top

of a building and push me down." "He bent me," the continued, a quiet matter-of-factness cushioning her words. "He hit me on the back. He used to poke me with a needle on my back. He kept saying, I am an engineer and we must have loss of things. Last night they arrested my husband for dowry harassment."

The experience of Miss Nagavani, who has only one name, is

increasingly common. Despite a 32-year-old statute banning

downes, the practice has now spread both among untouch-

the killing of women for not providing dowries that are opulent enough, that are in the eyes of the husband and his family too meager for their status and needs.

geance, among the growing middle classes.

Here in India's Silicon Valley, a growing city of high technology, computer enthusiasts and a newly entrenched middle class, dowry abuse has reached epidemic prevortions.

In the first two months of 1993, the records are available, 161 cases of down including death, were turned over to the city's detection including death, were turned over to the city's detection including the last day of 1992, 146 men including their transities. By the last day of 1992, 146 men including their transities. By the last day of 1992, 146 men including their transities. By the last day of 1992, 146 men including their transities are transities. in the Delhi High Court for killing or abusse

dowry-related cases, according to the Indian Department of

"You can't talk about marriage without talking of dowry," said Madhu Bushin, who works with a volunteer group of women called Vimochana, the Sanskrit work for Liberation, that tries to resettle women tho have beer reaten in dowry

There's nothing wrong with giving so ething to a daughter, when she gets married, but when it womes a condition of marriage, that is wrong. And now it's used as an excuse to

Mohandas K Candhi condemed the giving and receiving of down; as he led India towar independence. For Gandhi, the self for political freedom as bound up in what he saw as See DOVRY, Page 5

Poland: Europe's New Drugs Hub

By Raymond Bonner New York Times Service WARSAW - When four containers of fish from Nigeria arrived at the airport recently, customs officers were suspicious

about the unusual cargo.

Fish from Nigeria, they thought. So they searched, and they discovered, packed with the 55 kilograms of carp, half a ton of marijuana worth about \$2 million on the street.

A few weeks before, Polish officials on the border with Belarus' seized 4.5 tons of hashish that had been secreted in a shipment of fermented raisins from Afghani-

And earlier this year, the Costa Rican ambassador to Poland was arrested at the Warsaw airport with about 10 kilograms of pure heroin in his luggage, with a street value of \$900,000, while another drug bust netted 100 kilograms of cocaine from South America, with a value of about \$7.5 million.

These drug seizures reflect a ing Poland. Some of it is for a growing domestic market, but most of the drugs are en route to Western Europe and even the United States, where federal law enforcement officials have expressed alarm about heroin being smuggled into the country from Poland. The volume is expected to

And while law enforcement officials in Eastern Europe say Poland has become the biggest transshipment point, drug trafficking throughout the region, in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Bul-garia and Romania, as well as in

In February, a staggering 12 tons of cocaine was seized in St.

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service

nes South Africa as a country where people are forever killing each other with AK-47 automatic rifles. That is not entirely true.

More often, they kill each other with auto-

peak highway peril is over, the toll should reach about 10,000, three times the number

who will have died in political violence.

statistics are available.

egregious highway behavior.

By New Year's Day, when this season of

One of South Africa's more embarrassing

This is the season when South Africa en-

It is summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

courages its citizens to puzzle over their

JOHANNESBURG - The world imagi-

by ship from Colombia.

Russian officials believe that the cocaine was to be divided into smaller parcels and smuggled into various Western Europe cities. where the street value would have been in excess of \$75 million. Increasingly, organized crimi-

nal elements from Russia and oth-

er former Soviet republics, where law and order has almost completely broken down, are operating in Eastern Europe. This new element is not only moving into other traditional organized crime fields, like prostitu-

tion, but into arms smuggling as well, often financing the purchase of weapons with their enormous drug profits, law enforcement of-ficials say.

"It is an explosion," said Maciej Lubik, a senior Polish customs official and director of the Eastern European office of the Customs Cooperation Council, an international organization, about the growth of the drug traffic in the

region.
"The Americans are very, very alarmed " he said, adding that he had been working closely with of-ficials from the U.S. Customs Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

No one knows for sure the total volume of drugs now moving through Eastern Europe — the countries have only recently be-gun keeping records of seizures, d they are spotty at best - but Mr. Lubik said that at most only 5 percent of the drugs moving through Eastern Europe were be-

He estimated that at least 25 percent of the heroin being consumed in Western Europe was now passing through Eastern Europe, and he said that of the 30 tons of hashish seized in all of Europe this year, half had been

Eastern Europe in the aftermath which move by truck through of the collapse of the Soviet Russia, the Cancasus and Ukraine Union, which has brought an end and into Poland before reaching to rigid border controls, and in the the ultimate markets. A third wake of the war in Yugoslavia, route is from Africa, primarily Niwhich has led to a disruption of

traditional drug routes. And the former Communist countries, confronted by a problem they did not face until recently, are woefully unprepared, handicapped by inadequate laws, a lack of experience and paltry

Once a drug dealer has contraband in an East European country, he finds it easier to move it West. This is because a person landing in New York or Amsterdam or London from Prague or Warsaw is not as likely to arouse suspicion as a person arriving from Bogotá, Istanbul or Lagos.

This month, the German authorities seized 290 kilograms of heroin entering the country from the Czech Republic in a shipment of Turkish nuts. Worth an estimated \$18 million on the street, it was the largest heroin seizure ever

in Germany, officials said.
In October, at the Black Sea port of Constantin, Romanian customs officials seized more than 4 tons of hashish, worth just over \$20 million on the street in Western Europe, packed in tea shipped from Kenya on a Uganda-registered ship. Three days later, they found another 7 tons of hashish worth about \$31 million, on another Ugandan freighter, this time secreted among textiles.

The illegal narcotics are entering along a number of routes.

From Afghanistan, Pakistan, Thailand and Burma comes heroin, following through Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Czech Republic and into Western Europe. Previously, the major heroin

route was through Yugoslavia.

Also from the fields of Central

The police and emergency services stage any in the world, if not better," said Law-an all-out campaign, employing breath-test rence Barit, a lawyer who wrote a dissertation on drunken driving. "The roads are on a

In South Africa, the Deadliest Weapon Is the Car

lined with ped-strians drunk on holiday

The township wars subside for a few

Michael Simpson, a Pretoria psychiatrist

who specializes in the psychiatric effects of

trauma and violence, contends the carnage is

a symptom of a country seething with the

said, and it is reflected, too, in staggering

rates of family violence, murder and suicide.

aggressiveness using the vehicle as a weap-on," he said. "People literally will try to drive

"What one seems to see here is massive

weeks, and newspapers fill the space with the

Drug syndicates are turning to Asia come hashish and marijuana, geria, by air and sea.

Even cocaine from Latin America is showing up in Eastern Europe. The Colombian cartels are beginning to forge links with local traffickers," said Rensselaer W. Lee 3d, an American who has been studying the drug trade for a decade and has turned his attention in recent years to Eastern

In April the Polish authorities seized 100 kilograms of cocaine, with a street value of \$7.5 million, in the port of Szczecin.

The ship had come from Latin America, and one of the men arrested with the cocaine had links to the Medellin cartel and had previously smuggled drugs from the Netherlands to England, Pol-

Officials here are beginning to investigate whether some of the cocaine entering Poland from Lat-America is being routed to the United States. Until now most of the drugs

coming into Eastern Europe have been destined for Western Eu-There is no immediate threat to the U.S. yet, but I would under-score 'yet,'" Mr. Lee said. "It is

only a matter of time." East European laws make it difficult to keep drugs from entering and leaving the countries. In Poland, for instance, possession of drugs for personal use is not a

"It is a progressive law, one of the most humanitarian in the world," said Andrzej Koweszko, of the Interpol office in Warsaw. But he added, "It was written by doctors, by sociologists, by everyone but police officers.



Although smuggling and sale of narcotics are illegal, there is little risk of being caught unless some-one is extremely careless. This is because undercover and sting operations are prohibited by law in Poland, as they are in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

Nor in these countries is it possible to have a "controlled delivery" — that is to follow the drug courier to find the person to whom he is delivering the drugs.

These laws are left over from the Communist era, but in that time the police had whatever power they wanted, and drug users and traders were often charged with "crimes against the state" and severely punished.

In Poland and the Czech Republic, efforts are under way to change these laws, but police officials in these countries said they did not expect their parliaments

whites, but blacks are a large majority of

Partly this is because poverty confines so

many to squatter camps alongside the high-ways; nearly half of those killed on the roads

last year were pedestrians, almost all of them

black, hit while crossing highways or stum-bling home from township taverus.

statistics, Mr. Barit said, South Africa has

the highest number of deaths per 100,000 inhabitants — 30, compared with 19 in the United States and 27 in South Korea, the

By the rating Mr. Barit prefers -

number of people killed for every 100 million

Policeman Killed

JOHANNESBURG - A police-

nan was found shot to death and

two others were wounded in black

townships Thursday as the death

toll for South Africa's police offi-

cers reached a record 256. Last

year, 226 policemen were killed; in

Police Major Ruben Bloomberg

said most of the slain officers died off duty, usually on their way home

or to work. The department does

not give a racial breakdown of vic-

tims, but black officers are frequent

targets of township militants who

consider them collaborators with

The latest victim was black. Con-

stable Patrick Msibi was found ear-

ly Thursday in the Johannesburg-

area township of Daveyton with bullet wounds in his head. Two

other black officers were wounded

in attacks in other area townships

the white-led government.

1991 the number was 145.

In South Africa

Of 20 countries for which he could get

those killed on the roads.

second worst.

Even with new laws, without vastly more resources, East European governments will have little chance against the drug trade, which is in the hands of organized

criminal syndicates.

An increasing number of syndicates are run by Russians or others from the former Soviet Union; these groups have long tentacles and ruthless methods of opera-

In many of the countries of Eastern Europe there is a lack of resources and training. Trying to help remedy this problem, the Germans and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration have started conducting classes for law enforcement officials in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union in how to detect drugs and arrest smugglers.

We are complete newcomers. greenhorns," Mr. Lubik, the senior Polish customs officer, said.

Synagogue Only one black South African in 100 actually owns a car, compared to half of the

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOSCOW — A fire Thursday badly damaged the Maryina Rosh-

Fire investigators said it was too soon to tell what caused the fire, which started at around 3 A.M. Fire fighters battled the blaze at the two-story wooden building for four

for many years one of only two functioning synagogues in Mos-

Rabbi Berel Lazar.

The poverty and general disorder that have followed the 1991 Soviet

Anti-Semitic slogans and posters desecrated and the newspaper Prayda has accused Jews of ritual

The rabbi said the synagogue had not been the target of previous attacks nor received any threats. Russia's Jewish community has

been alarmed by the strong showing of the ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky in the parliamentary elections on Dec. 12. Mr. Zhirinovsky says he is committed to fighting Zionism but denies being anti-There is little official discrimina-

Damaged in **Moscow Fire**

cha Synagogue, one of only three synagogues in Moscow.

The synagogue was built 10 years after the 1917 revolution and was

"We hope it is not arson," said

a rise in overt anti-Semitism.

tion against Russia's 2.5 million Jews. Since the Soviet collapse, they have reopened synagogues, schools, camps and even a kosher

Kiev Acts to Curb Nuclear Smuggling KIEV (Reuters) — Ukraine has moved to tighten control over its nuclear material amid widespread concern about attempts to smuggle radioactive substances abroad. The news agency interfax-Ukraine said Thursday that the security

WORLD BRIEFS

Bosnia Aid Accords Broken, UN Says

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Reuters) — Bosnia's varring fa-

tions are placing millions of cryllians at risk this winter by disregarding agreements to allow aid deliveries to people trapped by the 21-month-old

The ongoing low level of deliveries throughout Bosma makes

mockery of the two agreements the warring factions signed recently," said

for Refugees. He said aid deliveries to Bosnia-Herzegovina were running

at a rate of 16,000 to 19,000 tons per month, compared with a target of

to cooperate with the United Nations in permitting aid deliveries to about

2.7 million civilians believed in need of food, fuel, medicine, clothes and

blankets to survive the winter. But Mr. Wilkinson said all three factions

continued to obstruct aid deliveries when it suited their military or

Bosnia's Muslim, Serbian and Croatian factions agreed in November

Ray Wilkinson, spokesman in Sarajevo for the UN High Commis

war, a United Nations official said on Thursday.

45,000 to 50,000 tons.

service and Interior Ministry had been put in charge of investigating cases of missing or stolen radioactive materials and of monitoring security procedures at Ukraine's five nuclear power stations.

The increased controls were ordered by the former Seviet republic's president, Leonid M. Kravchuk. Last week police in Odessa seized from smugglers 300 grams (10 ounces) of highly radioactive material with an estimated value of \$1.2 million.

Extremists Claim Philippine Attacks

DAVAO CITY, Philippines (Reuters) — A previously miknown extremist group said it bombed three mosques in the southern Philippines in retaliation for a deadly grenade attack on a Roman Catholic cathedral, the police said Thursday.

A person claiming to speak for the New Christian Democratic Army phoned newspaper offices Wednesday to say the group was responsible for the three attacks in Davao in which six persons were injured. The police said they believed the group consisted of extremist Christians intent on causing strife between Muslims and Christians, and they did not rule out the possibility it also launched last Sunday's attack on Davao cathedral which killed six. They are questioning three suspects over the cathedral attack, in which more than 140 people were wounded,

Vietnam Denies a Deal on Spratlys

HANOI (Reuters) - Vietnam on Thursday demied a newspaper report that it reached a deal with China to shelve a dispute over the Spratly

Islands, saying the two countries were still negotiating the issue.

The Foreign Ministry said Hanoi and Beijing would "begin to tackle concrete matters" in their complex border dispute in early 1994. "Any reports to the contrary are not truthful," the ministry statement said. The Asian Wall Street Journal had quoted Chinese sources last week as saying that the two countries had reached "an oral agreement" to shelve the

dispute, which continues to slow the development of bilateral ties.

The ministry said the two countries intended to speed their talks on the issue to prevent it from developing into a full-fledged confrontation. The Sprattys, a chain of mostly barren outcroppings in the South China Sea, are subject to conflicting territorial claims by six nations, with China and Vietnam the most aggressive in pushing their claims.

For the Record

but have not made any charges.

The father of a 4-year-old boy who was murdered eight years ago in a case that has gripped France, was freed on parole Thursday after being sentenced earlier this month to five years in prison for killing his cousin, a suspect in the murder. Jean-Marie Villemin, 36, shot and killed Bernard. Laroche, convinced he had murdered his son. The boy's body was found in the Vologne River in eastern France in October 1984 and no one has been convicted of the slaying.

Italian authorities pressed their search Thursday for the person who tossed a football-sized rock from a highway overpass and killed a woman passenger in a car. Monica Zanotti, 25, was struck in the head when the rock crashed through the roof of a convertible. The police said a group of boys had been throwing rocks from the overpass.

A Bangladeshi UN peacekeeper was killed in Somalia when a fuel truck he was escorting overturned. He was the first fatality among the 940 members of the Bangladeshi contingent, a UN official said. (AP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

collapse have been accompanied by 2 Seine Tributaries Continue Rise

PARIS (AFP) - Two Seine tributaries, the Oise and Marne, continued have become common at hard-line to swell Thursday in the Paris region, resulting in further evacuations. But demonstrations. Vandals have at-tacked Moscow's main synagogue stable or failing. Several times this year, Jewish The Mame rose 11 centimeters (4.4 inches) during the night. In the

graves in St. Petersburg have been Oise valley, north of Paris, maximum levels were expected later Thursday and Friday. The Oise continued to rise downstream from Compiègne, especially at Creil where it was expected to reach the limit of 6.15 meters (20.3 feet) during the day, officials said. The number of those evacuated rose Thursday to 2,620, according to emergency services.

> Belgium's state-run ferry between Ostend and Dover, England, ends Friday after 360 years of service only occasionally interrupted by pirates, wars and bad weather. On Saturday, the state company starts an Ostend-Ramsgate service with Britain's Sally Line. The company said faster connections between France and England have made the four-hour Ostend-Dover run unprofitable.

> Slovak officials banned New Year's Eve parties in restaurants in the eastern Slovak city of Kosice because of fear of spreading hepatitis, news

> reports said Thursday. The Czech news agency CTK said 601 cases of hepatitis had been recorded in Kosice, located about 310 kilometers east of the capital Bratislava, since the epidemic broke out Dec. 6. More than 130 of those taken ill were children. Pilots of the Portuguese sirling TAP have abandoned plans for a strike

a spokesman said Thursday. The strike, planned for Jan, 3-10, was called restaurant in Moscow.

(AP, Reuters) the spokesman said. off after management agreed to reinstate flight insurance for the pilots,

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Sweet Life in Spain?

Some Say It's Sour

has drawn snorts of derision and disbelief from prominent Span-

of London, placed Spain behind only Switzerland and Germany in a broad evaluation based on economic, social, cultural and political factors. Since a similar study 10 years ago, Spain had moved up from 11th place, passing Sweden, Italy, Japan, Australia, the United States, Britain and France.

But Félix de Azúa, a writer who is director of the Cervantes Institute in Paris, told the Spanish daily El Pais that the survey was "grotesque," and possibly a "practical joke." Juan Pablo Fusi, a historian, said he thought the quality of life in Madrid, at least, had "deteriorated enormously," with noise, traffic and congestion worse than ever. Spain, he added, may have a large number of students in universities, "but where is our Oxford or our Cambridge?" And the filmmaker Manuel Gutiérrez Aragón said that while Spain was food. A country with such high unemployment and poverty levels, he added, hardly seemed ex-

One economic indicator

watched by some in France is the level of activity at the Rungis wholesale complex, called by some "the belly of Paris," near Orly Airport. Starting at 3 A.M. every day, this sprawling series of warehouses is the scene of noisy bustle as buyers stock up on meat and seafood, fruits, veg-ctables and flowers. Until the week before Christmas, several wholesalers told Le Figaro, they were pulling out their hair — sales were down as much as 40 percent from the year before. But a last-minute pickup in orders — especially of holiday fare such as ovsters, smoked salmon and capons - brought a general sigh of relief. The overall decline still looks like about 10 percent from last year, but the effects of a weak economy and increased

reasons," like the climate and the | kets may not be as disastrous as

ber rash" to the village of Jantarny, in the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, following the fuss over the film "Jurassic Park," in which DNA from mosquitoes preserved in amber was used to create dinosaurs. Quarries near Jantarny — the name means Amber City — provide 95 per-cent of the world supply of this yellowish fossil resin. The main quarry's commercial director told the Paris newspaper Liberation that the number of visitors - most of them Americans had recently quadrupled.

The head of France's Center for Civic Information has accused two highly popular puppet shows of being bad for democracy. The center's director, Jean-Christian Barbet, said that the satirical programs — the "Bébête-Show" and "Les Guignois de l'Info" - so nidiculed the nation's leaders as to dissuade people from registering to vote. According to his figures, voter registration among young people is down 20 percent from last year, and in some Paris districts by as much as 75 percent. The two programs came in for heavy criticism following the smede last spring of former Prime Minister Pierre Berégovoy, a favorite target.

Brian Knowlton

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Cairo Upholds

Islamist Sentence The Associated Press CAIRO - A court on Thursday upheld the death sentence for a Muslim extremist convicted of killing an Egyptian writer, Farag Foda, who was an outspoken critic of a campaign for the formation of

The death sentence against Abdel Shafi Ahmed Ramadan had been approved earlier by the chief Islamic official, Egypt's mufti. The con-firmation of the penalty set off a furor in the courtroom and charges by radicals that the mufti, Sheikh Mohammed Said Tantawi, should no longer be considered a Muslim.

The judge also convicted three other defendants, who were sentenced to terms ranging from three to 15 years, and acquitted eight others. The defendants were tried under emergency laws and have no right of appeal to another court and can only petition President Hosni Mubarak for elemency.

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Thursday, police said.

A quality-of-life survey that ranked Spain third in the world

The study, by The Economis

world," it was for "God-given

emplary.
The Economist itself de-

scribed its survey as "semiser-jous" — one cultural indicator is the number of McDonald's restaurants per million people — and acknowledged that some countries provide far more reliable statistics than others. France, incidentally, had tum-bled from first in the 1983 survey to 11th, largely because of its big increases in unemployment and

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kilometers of driving — South Africa is not as bad as Kenya, which has few cars, or South Korea, which has many cars but short limit which is 120 kilometers an hour on distances. South Africa ranks third and is eight times as lethal as the United States or England, the countries, Mr. Barit noted, "we like to compare ourselves with."

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Mr. Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea, greeting friends on the president's arrival in Hilton Head.

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HILTON HEAD, South Carolina - For the third time since he took office, President Bill Clinton and his family are spending a holiday at a huxurious resort in a vacation home borrowed from an absence host whom they hardly know.

Their host is Paul Bob Burge, a West Virginia business executive who also lent his beachfront home to the Clintons a year ago, before the presi-

dent's inauguration.

Last summer the Clintons spent four nights in Vail, Colorado, at a defuxe condominium provided by the tire magnate Leonard Firestone, then another 10 nights on Martha's Vincyard off Massa-chusetts in a sprawing house volunteered by for-mer Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. Unlike their recent predecessors, the Clintons

have no home of their own, and certainly not a vacation retreat. The president's aides say the Clintons have little choice but to rely in the

Clintons have little choice but to rely on the kindness of near-strangers if they are to escape the confines of the White House.

White House officials would not say why Mr. Clinton, who cames \$250,000 a year, did not rent a home. Nor has he yet made public an estimate of the value of the gifts, which at carrent real estate rates accorded unrely he many thousands of dollars. rates would surely be many thousands of dollars. Federal laws require that the president disclose ter issue when Mr. Clinton was seeking the White any gift he accepts with a value of more than \$2.50. House, the allegations of two Arkansas state cacept those given by people with white House of Francis for him when he was governor longitunding relationship. Dog White House of Francis for him when he was governor cials say the rules appear to be less capital about . Extra could flare with fresh disclosure cials say the rules appear to be less capital about .

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Abortion-Funding Order to leaved

WASHINGTON — The Chinson administration has issued a directive giving doctors discretion to certify that poor women are eligible for Medicaid-

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Mr. Clinton joined the University

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Training Corps program, but never enrolled, returning instead to Oxford. Mr. Jackson's favor to Mr.

Clinton left him feeling used and

got to the White House, He didn't

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Something dead around," Mr.

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Then the retired construction worker won \$20 milion in

"I needed to win this," Mr.

Crowley, 66, said Wednesday. His payments from the Olino

lottery, he said, "were going to

Mr. Crowley played the lot-

to faithfully since he moved to Book Raton, Florids, from To-

ledo, Ohio, six years ago after

flew in a chartested jet to Talla-

hasset on Wednesday to turn

in his winning ticket. He was accompanied by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and a grand-

run out in the year 2007.

winning the lottery the Mr. Crowley won the Flori-da prize last weekend, and

the Florida Lotto.

House fellowship.

funded abortions because they have been the vic-

tims of rape or incest.

The directive, issued this week in a letter to state Medicaid directors, is the administration's interpretation of a decision by Congress in October to loosen the 1976 law banning federal funding of

It allows states to impose their own "reasonable reporting or documentation" requirements to as-sure that rape or incest actually occurred, but only if they do not "deny or impede coverage." (LAT)

Told-You-So for Scandal Chasers

WASHINGTON - When Republicans blocked renewal of the law for court-chosen special prose-cutors, they were warned they would rue the day. Now it is told you so time

Without the law, the House Republicans who want an independent counsel to investigate a case involving President Clinton and a failed Arkansas land deal can't get it done. And so far, they have not been able to make much of an issue of it. The Justice Department already is investigating, and the attorney general says politics will not influence

the inquiry.

Nor is there staying power in another controversy that reflects what came to be called the characthat they facilitated extramarital sexual

Either could flare with fresh disclosures. (AP)

Quote/Unquote

Betsy Cain, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States, about the chances of sing a bill to reform campaign financing: "Everybody is skeptical. But this is a credibility issue-for Congress. This will be a true test of reform, one of those issues the public will look at to see if Congress is serious about reform." (LAT)

U.S. to Challenge Ruling on Gay Serviceman uals, but its decision east doubt on the ad-

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Eager to deflect challenges to its new rules on homosexuals serving in the military, the Clinton administration has decided to fight a court ruling that the armed services cannot cashier people simply for acknowledging their sexual orien-tation.

But the administration is hoping to appeal the ruling on a technical consideration, and to direct courtroom debate away from constitutional questions that might undermine its position in future cases.

The ruling, handed down in November by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, involved a midshipman who was forced out of the U.S. Naval Academy and not commissioned as an officer because he said under questioning that he was homosexual.

The court ruled that forcing him out violated the equal protection guarantee of the Constitution. The court was dealing with the old Defense Department ban on homosex-

ministration's slightly more liberal policy, which permits homosexuals to serve in the armed forces, but only if they keep their sexual orientation a secret.

The ruling left the administration in a difficult position. If it did not appeal, it would let stand a ruling that gay rights groups were prepared to use to fight the policy. If it appealed, it was in danger of looking bad politically by going to court in favor of a Republican policy that President Bill Clinton once vowed to abolish.

So it has chosen a middle ground, hoping to turn the debate to narrower questions involving the separation of powers among the executive, judicial and legislative

The appeal will be on an issue unrelated to the question of whether barring homosexuals is constitutional. The administration will argue that under the principle of separation of powers, the appellate court panel exceeded its authority last mouth when it ordered the navy to commission the midshipman, some-

By George Lardner Jr. Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Bill Dobrovit was

miffed from the day he was ushered into a

windowless room at Central Intelligence Agency headquarters and required to sign a secrecy agreement before he could see a sin-

gle piece of paper.

A Washington lawyer retained to represent a man the CIA wanted to fire, Mr. Dobrovir

was permitted to read the rules and take

notes, but he said he had to leave the notes so

CIA officials could determine whether he had

jotted down anything that might compromise national security. The notes were duly sani-

Mr. Dobrovir said he used what he learned

Later, in April 1990, Mr. Dobrovir filed a

freedom of information request for the CIA's

personnel regulations and procurement regu-

After two years of no progress, he sued in U.S. District Court here. He won a small

victory this fall with a settlement in which the

to reach a compromise whereby his client agreed to leave the CIA "under circum-

stances that were acceptable to him."

lations and related material.

tized and faxed to him.

The administration's decision is based on a fine political calculation. By doing it this way, the White House believes that it can satisfy its legal need to appeal the ruling, which it opposed, but without appearing to support the old policy on gay men and lesbians in the military.

"After working so diligently to define the new policy, we were reluctant to argue in favor of the old policy," an official said.

The plan also settles a dispute between the Defense Department and the Justice Department over how to handle the case. Pentagon lawyers believed that since some of the elements of the old policy were embodied in the new, a successful challenge could end up undermining the new one.

Last week the Pentagon issued rules intended to put into practice a policy that allows gay men and lesbians to serve in the armed forces, but only if they do not engage in homosexual conduct and if they keep

CIA Grudgingly Yields Some 'Secrets'

ual "available for public inspection and copy-

of availability" in the Federal Register, with-out saying where the inspection and copying

could be done. Mr. Dobrovir said he was told

to go to a CIA reading room, but the notice simply tells interested parties to call John H. Wright, the CIA's information and privacy

"The reason I had to file suit," Mr. Dobro-

vir said, was that he kept calling Mr. Wright and he could never get through to him.

The resulting disclosures, covering more than 1,000 pages, hardly make for X-rated reading. Among the papers, for instance, one regulation course the papers of contains.

regulation covers "compensation of certain

foreign national employees imprisoned by foreign governments because of their em-

ployment by the agency." Claims must be filed "within 3 years after termination of the

period of imprisonment giving rise to the claim; or the date of the claimant's first

opportunity to file such a claim . . . whichever

Another regulation, not likely to be found

at other agencies, deals with the kind of

domestic duties that qualify an employee for

the CIA's retirement and disability system.

These duties include "the continued prac-

This month, the CIA published the "notice

The court ruling in November did not expressly address the constitutionality of the regulations, but it did bar the Pentagon from dismissing members of the military merely

because they say they are homosexuals. The court ordered the navy to commission the dismissed midshipman, Joseph C. Steffan, and to grant him his diploma. He was forced to resign from the Naval Academy six weeks before his graduation in 1987 because he had acknowledged under questioning by a

disciplinary board that he was homosexual Lawyers for gay organizations expressed mild surprise at the government's tactics, saying the commissioning had never been an issue, and vowed to light the administra-

issue, and vowed to hight the tion's appeal.

"They're wrong on their legal position on the court's authority, and we're confident the court will deny this motion," said Evan Wolfson, one of Mr. Steffan's attorneys, who is a lawyer for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "We're disappointed by this patty effort to deny an outstanding by this petty effort to deny an outstanding midshipman his commission."

tice of tradecraft in support of clandestine

activity," such as skillful use of "agents, agent nets, briefing, caching, casing, codes, control,

cover, cutouts, defection, interrogation, pene-

tration, recruitment, safehouses, subversion,

surveillance, and may include such other ele-

ments as air and sea drops, escape and eva-

sion, guerrilla warfare, propaganda, provoca-

tion, radios, resistance, sabotage and

The records also include an "employee

misconduct report for 1991," showing that 42

investigations that year "resulted in findings

of serious misconduct" and 14 referrals to the

Justice Department for possible criminal ac-

The most frequent misconduct involved

improper handling of classified information (11 cases), fraud (10 cases) and theft (8

cases)," Frank J. Ruocco, acting deputy di-

Mr. Dobrovir said access to the documents

will give CIA employees a good understand-ing of their rights, despite deletions. The CIA said it does not want to say where

"Jack Wright will disclose the location

once an interested party contacts him," an

Or he will send copies, at 10 cents a page.

rector, said in a summary.

the documents can be read.

agency spokesman said.

Specialists To Review **Radiation** Tests by U.S.

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary has appointed a specialist in medical ethics to lead a federal review of government radiation experiments on humans in the 1940s and 1950s.

As many as 800 people were exposed to radiation in tests during the Cold War, and while some gave their consent, many apparently were not fully informed of the risks, Mr. O'Leary has said.

The issue of informed consent is the specialty of Ruth R. Faden, who directs the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health's program in law, ethics and health.

Ms. Faden will lead a task force that will include experts in medical ethics, law, history, epidemiology, radiation medicine and radiation

biology.

"We will be looking at what can be done to make this right," Ms. Faden said in the Baltimore Sun. We don't know to what extent abuse and mistreatment occurred."

cessor, the Atomic Energy Com-The tests included feeding radio-

active cereal to retarded teenagers, injecting newborns with phitomium and radioactive iodine, and irradiating the sex organs of prisoners.

by June, Ms. Faden said. "It really is quite remarkable and impressive that the department is taking such an open and compas-

FOE: Clinton's Nemesis Has Been Trying to Spread the Word for Years

through the woods along a lake, son produced a letter indicating pointing out his property line.

"I built a wall," he says. "Won't be anybody close to me."

The is a very angry man," Mr. Jackson says of Bill Clinton. "Capable of being vindictive."

On Wednesday Mr. Jackson two on the record. The way they tell two on the record. The way they tell too, asking the president's forgive-ports, it is men were sitting around the president's forgive-ports, it is men were sitting around the president's forgive-ports six near liming the procket. He grantheness at the governor's manheadaches so severe that "if I had point

with six pens lining the pocket. He has pleasantly bland looks. Today though, the even smile breaks with concern. He has the sense of being invaded, so that he doesn't want the respect of the team amblished. the name of the town publish even the county where he lives with his wife and two daughters."

Not enough, though, to restrain him from asking Mr. Chinton for help in the autumn of 1971. Mr. Jackson, in his final year at the University of Michigan Law School, contacted Mr. Chinton to help him out references for a White Security was an issue from the end of July, the first time he says he was approached to represent the troopers Mr. Jackson met Lynn Davis, an old lawyer friend, at a help him get references for a White McDonald's in Little Rock Mr. Clinton cooperated, but that was the closest Mr. Jackson ever "We were under surveillance,"

Mr. Jackson says. There was a guy sipping coffee, looking across the restaurant, glowering at us, I mean overtly staring. After an hour, when the meeting ended, they were win the tentewants finalist.

One bazzard, then two, silde in a silent circle above Cliff Jackson's sure that "one of as was hot." Turned out to be Mr. Davis, who thought he was being followed by a Jackson says, glancing up through the pine trees. He is criniching black car with dark glass and Texas license plates. They ran a computer check on the plates, he says. It came back "Not on file."

That incans federal undercover Lottery Jackpot ent," Mr. Jackson asserts. Mr. lackson then struck a deal with David Brock from the Ameri-To Everyman be labeled as sleaze and my troop. ers would be pilloried." For politi-TALLAHASSEE, Florida cal balance, he called on the Los - Joseph P. Crowley had already won 53 million in the Ohio lottery. Friends told him

guardhouse at the governor's manness for inflicting "such public sien swapping Clinton tales, when pain," while at the same time resomeone suggested they write a newing his attack. He signed it: book. They contacted Lyan Davis "Your friend (still)." book. They contacted Lyan Davis
who in turn enlisted one of the only
lawyers in Little Rock who would increases them—Cliff Jackson. not take chances. He told a woman

The Los Angeles County sheriff's

What resulted was a portrait of a friend not to come over with a office has suspended 25 deputies

specifics are exeruciatingly personal, and as they emerged. Mr. Jackson says, the men sometimes "were rolling on the floor with laughter. Not to say the issues aren't seri-

"This is not about sex, it's not a bimbo emption," says Mr. Jack-son. "It's about the exploitation of people, including women and state personnel." Mr. Cimton's private behavios carries over into his public life, Mr. Jackson says. And he contends that there is an attempt to cover it up that compares with Wa-

tergate.

Meantime, Mr. Jackson stayed one calculated step ahead of his pursuers — real or magned. During the four months of interviews, can Spectator. But he worried that the team of police officers, reportif the article appeared only in a ers and Mr. Jackson repeatedly-conservative magazine, "it would changed hotels Mr. Jackson susperiod his office was tapped. Talking on his phone, he says, suddenly balance; he called on the Los sounded like he was "talking down teles. Times's William Remocil a well." He often met with his chiand Douglas Frantz. He had dealt ents in cars and attached an anti-with Mr. Rempel during the press bugging device to his home tele-dential campaign when Mr. Jack- phone.

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Away From Politics

• The Food and Drug Administra-Mrs. O'Leary's office has started offering the first new treatment for offering the first new treatment for to release secret documents on hucystic fibrosis in 30 years. The
man experiments and bomb tests
agency said it has licensed the procommonly called DNase, a product of recombinant DNA technology. • New York's Times Square, famons for its bright lights, is getting a more ominous billboard — a national "death clock" that will tick simmary findings could come off the number of guns in the United States and the deaths they cause. • A woman who refused a Caesar-

ean section on religious grounds, despite doctors' warnings, gave birth to an apparently healthy baby in Chicago. But the child's guardm careago, but the cann't s guard-ian said it was too soon to say whether the infant escaped injury. The boy weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces — below normal weight but was in good condition, according to hospital officials.

 A judge upheld an 18-year ban on guns in housing projects in Port-land, Maine, dealing a setback to the National Rifle Association. Su-perior Court Justice Sidney W. Wernick said that the Housing Authority ban was a reasonable measure to protect tenants and did not violate the state constitution.

governor with a gargantuan sexual holiday cake because "National without pay for partying in a park appetite, who used public money to Enquirer could be across the street while they were supposed to be on dish himself a feast of women. The with a telephoto lens." And he will special reserve duty for the Malibn

NYT, AP. Resters, LAT

CIA promised to make its personnel regula-tions, grievance procedures, acquisition handbook and two-volume contracting man-2 Held in Blasts That Killed 5

The Associated Pres.

MOUNT VERNON, Kentucky felony.

Mr. Figley and Michael Stevens,
Mr. Figley and Michael Stevens, MOUNT VERNON, Kentucky

When Roger McClure sold the stranger with the Vermont driver's license 55 pounds of dynamite, he warned him not to take the explosive out of state.

Mr. Figley and Michael Stevens, very girlfriend. Among those killed Tuesday night were her mother, her stepfather and a sister. An uncle was wounded.

The Beachester Dances at the property of states.

He was working on a water line nearby, the man told Mr. McClure, who works at the Kentucky Powder Co. "He looked like he'd just come in off the job," Mr. McClure said. The authorities say the buyer

was Earl Figley, 56, of Farmington, New York, and that he used an alias to buy the \$223.17 worth of dynamite and blasting caps in June to help another man kill five people in upstate New York on Tuesday.

All that is required to buy dynamite is identification and filling out a federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms questionnaire which asks, among other things, if

the buyer has been convicted of a

Mr. Stevens served two years in

prison in New York after he was convicted of telemarketing fraud in 1987, state officials said. A law enforcement source in Washington also identified Mr. Figley as a for-mer convict, but details of his record were not immediately avail-Killed within 90 minutes Tues-

day night were a husband and wife, their daughter, a friend of the daughter's and a co-worker of the husband. Bombs hidden in tackle boxes were delivered to four homes, an armored-car garage and a prison. Four exploded; two were

Investigators said the bombs

were targeted at members of the family of Brenda Lazore, Mr. Ste-

Chronicle quoted a source as saying that Mr. Stevens "felt the family had turned his girlfriend against him."

The Buffalo News and The New York Times said relations between Mr. Stevens and Miss Lazore's family became particularly strained around the holidays.

"If there was a precipitous act," an investigator told the News, "it might have been a Christmas party

where Stevens was asked to leave. Jack Killorin, a spokesman for

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said he did not want to speculate on a motive.



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Defuse Haitian Tensions

There is no justifying the vicious mob at-tack that killed two civilian supporters of Haiti's military regime last Monday and provoked a retaliatory rampage against slum dwellers presumed to support the exiled president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. But it is not hard to understand why frustrated Aristide

supporters may now be turning to violence. Since the 1991 military coup, most have put their faith in international diplomacy or sought to flee Haiti altogether. But with diplomacy consistently thwarted by military obstructionists, anti-Aristide gangs swaggering trium-phantly and a U.S. Coast Guard flotilla blocking all refugee ships, the patience of the poor

and desperate may be about to run out.

Let the Clinton administration heed the warning. Washington, in its efforts to win the Haitian military's consent to a workable compromise, has leaned hard on Father Aristide to accept repeated concessions and delays. That is understandable. Short of sending in the U.S. Marines - a very bad idea - giveand-take negotiations are necessary,

But all give by the Aristide side and all take by the military has not produced a solution. What it may produce instead is disastrous social combustion. To lessen that risk, Washington needs to tighten the pressure of sanctions and loosen the safety valve of refugee flight. That means following through on a French proposal to broaden the United Nations oil embargo to other items if there is no diplomatic breakthrough before the Jan. 15 deadline. It means listening to the conscien-tious misgivings of administration officials and modifying the present policy of turning back all boats carrying fleeing Haitians without listening to claims to legitimate political asylum.

One reason the Pentagon has always been reluctant to send U.S. troops to Haiti is that it fears Americans could get caught in the mid-dle of mob violence. Specifically, it worries that Aristide supporters, emboldened by an international presence, would seek revenge on paramilitary death squads and that the paramilitaries would light back. Monday's bloodbath shows how realistic those anxieties are.

Washington cannot produce magical solu-tions. What it can usefully do is crank up the embargo against the generals and crank down the blockade against fleeing refugees. Haitians need to know they are not forgotten.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Compensate the Victims

It is hard to imagine that at one time the U.S. government conducted and paid for potentially harmful experiments on human beings without providing the subjects any information about the nature of the tests or the side effects that might follow. But information recently revealed by the government and the media makes that case.

The new disclosures go well beyond some earlier revealed scandals along these lines in the intelligence services; a few lawsuits led to the payment of compensation to victims. Those cases were thought to be aberrations, shameful and destructive acts but isolated ones. Now it appears that in the early years of the atomic age, the government sponsored experiments involving at least 800 individuals in an effort to determine radiation tolerance levels in human beings.

The Boston Globe has reported that, for example, government researchers at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology fed radioactive food to at least 40 men-tally handicapped teenagers. The Albuquerque Tribune reported that in other studies 18 patients were injected with plutonium and seven newborn boys were injected with radioactive iodine. The government has also disclosed that 204 nuclear tests were conducted in Nevada during the 1940s and the

1950s that exposed people to radiation.

Some medical experts believe no harm was

done to the subjects of these experiments. That would be wonderful if true, but since the individuals are still being traced, it is too soon to know. Other defenders of the policy point out that there were no informed-consent laws on the books until recently, so it is possible that no law was broken. But medical ethics and legal obligations are two different things. In this connection, it is particularly relevant that at least one scientist, Joseph Hamilton, an expert on radiation who worked for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, expressed his concern at the time and even warned of comparisons between this work and that done by Nazi doctors in concentration camps.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary has prorided welcome leadership on this matter. She has been forthright in revealing information, determined in her pledge to find all the victims and open in her acceptance of the government's responsibility. Undeterred by the possibility that the revelations might lead to lawsuits, she says simply: "Those people who were wronged need to be compensated." Her assurances provide reason to hope that there will be an honorable and just resolution of this terrible wrong.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Finish Banking Reform

Two years ago, in the aftermath of the \$500 billion savings and loan bailout, Congress passed two-thirds of a bank reform. It poured money into a near-empty deposit insurance fund. It vastly improved procedures by which regulators could close a bank before it tumbled into bankruptcy and required a costly infusion of taxpayer money to pay off insured deposi-tors. But what the 1991 bill did not do is correct the cause of many bank failures: antiquated laws that prohibit banks from investing outside their own states and selling new products.

The Clinton administration has now proposed three bank initiatives. One would simplify regulation, collapsing four overlapping lo one. I hai would be though multiple regulators are not all bad: rivalry can stimulate innovation. The second initiative would simplify and toughen regulations that require banks to pump loans into low-income neighborhoods. Both proposals are reasonable and likely to do some good; neither is likely to make a big impact.

The third initiative calls for Congress to permit banks to set up branches anywhere in the country, thereby plugging the gap in the 1991 bill. Unfortunately, the administration gives scant evidence that it is prepared to muscle this valuable and important idea past

obstructionist forces in Congress.

Banks are generally restricted to investing primarily in one industry, real estate, and one state. That makes investment in banks risky. When the energy crisis hit in the 1980s, the economy of the Southwest collapsed, dragging the banks down. One remedy is to permit banks to invest throughout the country - relying on

profits in South Dakota, for instance, to make up for losses in Texas. Another remedy is to allow banks to diversify out of real estate by selling such financial products as insurance.

But frenzied lobbyists attacked these sensible ideas when they were proposed by the Bush administration. Small bankers blocked interstate banking because they feared competition from big banks.

Of course small bankers wrap their opposition in high-minded rhetoric. They argue that small banks would provide more loans to local borrowers than interstate behemoths and that big banks would eventually overwhelm competitors and monopolize local banking. Neialready permitted, like California, small banks prosper. Also large banks lend as much to local merchants as small local lenders do; small bankers have the same easy access to international outlets for their money. And competition from big banks drives up interest rates on savings accounts of local depositors.

The insurance industry blocked the Bush proposals to give banks the right to sell insurance. Congress buckled under, even though banks would have served merely as sales agents for policies and would not have incurred risk.

Interstate banking will not get through Congress without a heave from the White House. President Bill Clinton seems disinclined to tackle bank reform when more important measures - health care, welfare and trade - loom on the calendar. The political calculation might be faultless. But the nation's banks can thrive just so long on two-thirds of a reform.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

The Children's Silent Tragedy

Though all love children, they are the most neglected community anywhere in the world. Whether it is peace or war, they are the most to suffer. The extent of present neglect, according to UNICEF, is a scandal the magnitude of which few are unaware. No famine, flood, earthquake or war has ever claimed the lives of 250.000 children in a single week. Yet malnutrition and disease claim that number of child victims, week after week. And for every child that dies, many times that number live in such unhealthy and debilitating conditions.

Commitments have been made at the World Summit for Children. The declaration carries

the signatures of more presidents and prime ministers than any other document in history. National plans have been developed by at least 86 countries, including the Gulf states. All this shows that we are entering a new era of concern for the silent tragedy that envelops today's

children and tomorrow's world. Whether the concern will translate itself into anything more decisive and concrete depends on the interest politicians, the press and professional services will take to push their nations into action. What is required is a worldwide mobilization of public and political support for the cause of meeting the basic human needs of this neglected class of fellow humans.

- Arab News (Jidda).



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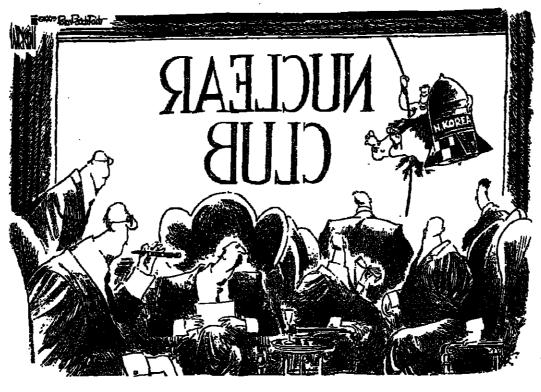
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Maturing Humanity Can Shed Its Myths

By Flora Lewis

PARIS—There seems to be a finder-siecle gloom entering a new there aren't any solutions, only new year. With evident worry, people ask what the world is coming to.

Relief at the relatively peaceful end of the Cold War at the start of the 1990s and the excessive expectations it brought are partly responsible, but only in part. There is a deeper sense of dismay that problems are piling up

and toetering beyond control.

For one thing, the end of the great global confrontation has meant not only the loss of a clearly identified, well monitored enemy, it has meant the loss of earthly utopia. There is no longer a formula in which even the credulous can place their faith for a perfectly happy world or for the fall of evil

That is a kind of loss of innocence, but it isn't necessarily regrettable.

What's in Store for '94? Pick Your Daring Dozen

N EW YORK — Welcome to the 20th annual Office Pool. Because this participatory prognostication has answered the unfelt need of millions, this tradition has been

imitated in all media. I have always tried to score lower than my readers, and last year went especially deep into the tank: all but one wrong (That one, however, fore-warned that Bill Clinton would jack up the highest effective tax bracket over 40 percent. Richies could have saved millions acting on this tip.) As experienced pool-players

know, the point is in the range of intriguing options offered. My advice: Never play percentage pool; always play your hunch. 1. The highest pitch of tension within the Clinton administration will be

between (a) guru James Carville and the Florida gubernatorial hopeful Ja-net Reno; (b) Hillary Clinton and Al

Gore, laying the basis for Democratic

primaries in the year 2000; (c) Strobe Talbott and Bobby Inman over Rus-sia policy; (d) the Clinton adviser Bruce Lindsey and the criminal division's chief, Jo Ann Harris.

one of the foregoing.
3. Senator Bob Packwood will (a)

4. Political upset of the year will be

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2. Centerpiece of the health care bill that passes will be (a) mandated employer coverage; (b) universal care; (c) state monopolies as outlined in Mrs. Clinton's plan; (d) not any

lose in court and oblige the Byrd-Kassebaum juggernant by resigning; (b) be the first senator since the Civil War to be expelled; (c) win in court on Fourth and Fifth Amendment grounds, accept Senate censure and publish best-selling diaries.

(a) the seven-seat capture of the Senate by the Republicans; (b) low-rated Governor Pete Wilson of California

- Douglas Davis, who writes on politics and culture, in the Los Angeles Times.

WASHINGTON — With great successes in the NAFTA and GATT treaties under his

belt, what does Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade

ambassador, do for an encore? I put the question

to him in his office in the elegant little building

that houses his trade ministry, the smallest such bureauctacy among the major powers.

Mr. Kantor loosened his tie and ticked off the

Clinton administration's future trade agenda, a

daunting list of immediate and longer-term prob-lems, such as the "framework" discussions on

trade relations with Japan that President Bill

These efforts, Mr. Kantor said, "are proceeding,

"tremendous credit" for opening the Japanese market to imports of rice for the first time. But

the Japanese, he added, are not keeping their

promises to lower barriers against telecommuni-

cations equipment, or to allow U.S. semiconduc-

tors a 20 percent share of the Japanese market. Then there is China, he said, "right on the

front burner" with its projected \$22 billion trade

surplus with the United States. Not only are the

Chinese "not providing the market access we

want, they are engaging in mislabeling trans-shipping circumvention to violate agreements that limit their textile exports to the United

States. The trade chief said firmly that America

In the somewhat longer term, there will be a new focus on Asia as the fastest growing market in the world, and extending the North American

Free Trade Agreement to Latin American mem-

bers beyond Mexico, probably starting with Chile.

Much of this agenda is deja vu: U.S. trade

was "not going to live with" that situation.

He gives Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa

Clinton initiated at the Tokyo summit

but not at a pace we would like."

By William Safire routs Kathleen Brown; (c) sure-thing

Governor Mario Cuomo edged by unknown Roy Goodman; (d) Chuck Robb survives Doug Wilder primary challenge and beats Oliver North. 5. Talk of the magazine world will be (a) the success of youthful cyber-

Next on the Trade Agenda: A Lot of One-on-One

By Hobart Rowen

conductors and wood products. Meanwhile, the

"framework" deal with Japan is a retreat from the "results oriented" approach to trade that symbol-ized Mr. Clinton's initial, and poorly thought-out,

The Clinton administration, one realizes, is

still trying to formulate its own distinctive over-

all trade policy. It has given more attention to expanding global trade volume through NAFTA and GATT, and less to "results oriented" theory

When he is asked to separate out

than seemed likely a year ago. Mr. Kantor concedes that he and other officials are just begin-

ning to focus on their priorities for the future. NAFTA and GATT, after all, were leftovers from the Bush and earlier administrations. Still,

it becomes clear that the administration will turn

its attention to regional and bilateral, as distin-

"We are going to come to an age of more mutuality and comparability," Mr. Kantor

said, meaning that countries, including the United States, will demand reciprocal treat-

ment. Where in another economic era a rich and

dominant United States could keep its markets

open without worrying about equivalent treatment from others, he added, "that's no longer

guished from multilateral, trade negotiations.

a single U.S. priority, Mickey

Kantor comes back to Japan.

effort to force Japan to accept more imports.

space-salesmen in selling "Wired"; (b) the stigmatization of young sing-lehood in Rupert Murdoch's "Married Woman"; (c) editor Angela Har-rington's successful launch of Time's youth-oriented "Mouth 2 Mouth."

6. Of nonfiction best-sellers, the one stirring the greatest outrage will be (a) "The Betrayed Profession," by Sol Linowitz and Martin Mayer; (b) "The Deep Divide," by Sherrye Henry; (c) "The Man in the Water," by Roger Rosenblatt; (d) "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness,"

by Peggy Noonan; (e) "Taking Charge," by Irene Pollin; (f) "Leaving Home," by Art Buchwald.

7. Boris Yeltsin's nemesis will be (a) club-in-the-closet Vladimir Zhristonian (h) inovsky; (b) rejected confidant Gen-nadi Burbulis; (c) yes-but reformer Grigori Yavlinsky; (d) slow-to-act

Marshal Pavel Grachev.
8. In the Middle East (a) the autocrat in Yasser Arafat will split the PLO; (b) disillusion with Yitzhak Rabin's concessions will topple Labor; (c) Syria's Hafez Assad will make a Golan deal under U.S. pressure and lead to a Palestinian state. 9. Big issue in 1994 congressional

elections will be (a) conservatives' repressive "law 'n' order," renamed by liberals "personal security"; (b) un-expected second-half economic slump revives calls for tax cut; (c) who lost health reform? (d) intervention vs. isolation.

10. Mr. Clinton's biggest mistake in 1994 will be (a) abdication of defense leadership to Sam Num; (b) embrace of Mr. Yeltsin to the exclusion of rivals; (c) appeasement of North Korea.

11. First special prosecutor under the new Independent Counsel Act will be assigned to (a) Whitewatergate, the charge of conflict of interest between investor Clintons and the regulatory Clinton; (b) Iraqgate, the Bush abuse of the commodity credit corporation to arm Saddam Hussein, and subsequent obstruc-tion of justice within Justice; (c) Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

12. Stunning changes will include (a) Mickey Kantor to secretary of state, Warren Christopher to chief of staff, Thomas McLarty to budget; (b) Mr. Cuomo to replace William Rehnquist as chief justice; (c) CIA chief James Woolsey to rescue Pentagon from big-spender Inman; (d) Zhou Rongii slips past favorite Jiang Ze-min to run China after Deng Xiaoping's death; (e) CBS's Larry Tisch, stripped of NFL ball, tackles Disney. My own daring dozen: 1-c, 2-d, 3-c, 4-d, 5-c, 6-a, 7-c, 8-a, 9-a, 10-c, 11-

b, 12-d. Ya gotta play to crow. The New York Times.

he said, the United States will have to insist

"that its trading partners follow the same stan-dards, including worker standards and environ-

Thus, reciprocity will likely be the dominant

buzzword for future Clinton trade policy. And reciprocity can be more easily achieved in face-

to-face bilateral or regional bargaining than

through the complicated multilateral trade sys-

Mr. Kantor also contends that trade policy

tem, Mr. Kantor and other trade experts feel.

can no longer be separated from domestic is-sues: "Whether it's health care reform, or work-

er training, or educational reform, that's a criti-

cal part of what we're doing." He added: "It

does no good to build new markets and have

these agreements unless we have an American

work force that's competitive."

Unspoken in his description of the future trade

agenda is that Europe is the odd man out. Atten-

Washington looking west to the Pacific Rim, north to Canada and south to Latin America.

Europe are deep and important, and they're

going to continue to be, but God knows, we have

been too Euro-centric in the past, and haven't

recognized the opportunities in Asia and Latin

America. We have a natural market in Latin

America. Remember, proximity and proclivity are natural in trade," Mr. Kantor said.

Yet when he is asked to separate out a single

priority. Mr. Kantor comes back to Japan

We've got to make progress with Japan in a meaningful way," he said. That is likely to be

harder than solving the NAFTA and GATT

puzzles, but America's trade chief proposes to

on to Japan, China, Asia and the Americas has

Obviously, our trade and other relations with

mental rules, that we do

escape of nostalgia, finding depressing comfort in the thought that even "nos-talgia ain't what it used to be." Without a secular promise of an impending golden age, they look back and rue.

Certainly, there wasn't much golden about the 20th century, with its wars, its revolutions and upheavals, its frustrated dreams. And it started with such warm conviction that men had found the tools to conquer what ails them. The Effel Tower was the symbol, a soaring cathedral to celebrate the achievements that iron and steel, science and industry would bring.

there aren't any solutions, only new problems, shouldn't lead to pessi-

mism. It is a step toward a more

mature acceptance that there will al-ways be challenges and that it is pos-

sible to move on and tackle the next

Many are tempted to take the easier

difficulty as it focuses attention.

But despite its terrors, the 20th century did deliver in a way. The population explosion that is rightly the cause of so much current concern, so many dire predictions, is the direct result of reducing infant mortality, success in fighting diseases, staggering advances in agriculture.

We are so much more aware of the things that go wrong in the world because the technology of communi-

The 20th century did deliver in a way.

cations and transportation bring them to our doorstep. There was always a plenitude of disasters, but they seemed so reassuringly far away if they were known at all.

Even the split atom, which did not fulfill the hopes it inspired for unlimited energy but succeeded in multiplying dramatically the ability to kill en masse, did seem to prevent the continued enlargement of wars.

The tendency, then, is to look far-ther back for the times when all was benign, when everything was in its place, when art and wisdom and man's best instincts flourished. But the golden age, any golden age, is a deliberate-ly selective memory, if not sheer myth, though still testimony to human creativity and capacity for imagination.

Muslim fundamentalists think of

the era of Arab glory, when Islam was spreading through much of the known world, producing marvels of art, architecture and science, and, in their vision, well regulated soberly honest societies. The marvels were real, but they were islands in great seas of abject misery. The traditional stories tell of it abundantly.

Some Christians and Jews think of biblical times, willfully ignoring the tales of wars, crime, treachery and the intensity of suffering which it took miracles to alleviate. They are as true as the beliefs that made it possible to endure them.

At times, Americans think of fron-tier days, of bold and brave adventure in the wilderness, but they block out how hard life was. Classical Greece, Erasmus's Holland, the England of Elizabeth and Shakespeare brought wonders for posterity, but neither ease nor safety for most of the people then alive.

Many years ago, when he was a young man just out of Yale, the now eminent commentator William Buckley was telling me at length how the world was continuing to go steadily downhill. I asked him, if he could turn the clock back to set it in the best of times, when would that be?

He thought a bit and answered, the time of Louis XIV. Even at court, I pointed out, among the most privi-leged, people lived without privacy, without hygiene, dependent on the whim of arbitrary superiors. For the rest of the population, life was an almost unrelenting hardship. If it was a golden age, it was only for the king.
"Ah," he said, "but I would have been king."

For practically everybody else, things have not gotten worse and for vast numbers, they are much better. The gloom is as much a product of the imagination as the idea of the lost

the case." To have "prosperity here at home, build jobs, and serve the American people," negotiators have been battling with the Japanese for at least two decades on such irritants as semireport for work as usual. golden age. We can do without both. The Washington Post. The New York Times.

HONOLULU — A recent warning by a Foreign Ministry official in Moscow that Russia might be forced to resume dumping of low-level nuclear waste in the Sea of Ja-

nan threatens to become a serious point of contention with Japan and both South and North Korea. Yet if the four nations that border the sea were serious about improving marine environmental protection, Russia's problems in handling the radioactive waste produced by its nuclear submarines could become a catalyst for closer regional cooperation.

In October, Moscow suspended plans to dispose of 900 tons of nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan after an international outcry when a Russian naval vessel dumped nearly a 1,000 tons of low-level waste there following a visit by President Boris Yeltsin to Tokyo. The action eroded whatever goodwill the trip may have gained.

Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata warned his Russian counterpart, An-drei Kozyrev, that if Moscow proceeded with its plans to dump another large load of similar waste, "the foundation of a new Japan-Russian relationship will crumble." South and North Korea also protested.

Russia lacks proper storage facilities for nuclear waste from its Pacific fleet. Two tankers holding the waste are reportedly full, and Russian military officers say they have no other suitable storage tankers and no dis-posal site on land. Moscow has said that controlled dumping at sea will be stepped if Japan and other countries help build a plant to treat the waste at

Make the Sea of Japan a Model of Environmental Partnership By Mark J. Valencia

Earlier this year, Russian officials disclosed that the former Soviet Navy had dumped 18 decommissioned nu clear reactors and more than 13,000 containers of radioactive waste between 1978 and mid-1993, much of it in the Sea of Japan. The admission angered Tokyo. Yet Japan is in no position to include in righteous indig-nation. The chief of the Science and Technology Agency, Satsuki Eda, has admitted that Tokyo Electric Power Co. dumps 10 times more radioactive waste each year into the Sea of Japan than the amount that the Russians got

rid of after Mr. Yeltsin's visit. Pyongyang has used the revelation that the former Soviet Navy dumped two nuclear submarine reactors not far from the North Korean coast in 1978 as ammunition in defense of its own clandestine program to develop nuclear weapons. The dumping occurred three years after the Soviet Union had ratified an international

convention banning such action. North Korea questioned how Russia could maintain a nuclear arsenal and continue dumping radio-active waste in the Sea of Japan while "having the cheek" to press Pyongyang to accept international inspection of its nuclear facilities.

Most scientists agree that the lowlevel liquid waste tipped into the Sea of Japan provides no immediate threat to the environment or humans. But the longer-term impact is un-known, particularly after the containers erode. Some Japanese fishermen have expressed concern that consum-

ers may avoid squid and other marine products from the Sea of Japan. Such alarm may help spur coopera-tive regional action. Russia's problems in handling the buildup of nuclear waste from its Far East fleet has brought officials from Japan, Russia and South Korea together for discussions on the issue of marine environmental protection. Tokyo is rallying support for an international fund to help Russia treat its nuclear waste on land. Even North Korea has offered to host a pollution control meeting.

But broader cooperative action is needed. A first step would be for

South Korea and Japan to declare exclusive economic zones to 200 nautical miles from their coasts. This would oblige them to safeguard the environment in these areas. When all countries surrounding the Sea of Ja-pan have extended their jurisdiction to 200 nautical miles, there would be several areas where claims overlap.

Marine pollutants are easily transported across lines drawn on a map. Recognizing this, the Law of the Sea Treaty, to come into force in 1994, urges those countries bordering semienclosed seas, such as the Sea of Japan, to cooperate to protect the environment. All Sea of Japan littoral states should ratify the treaty and

apply its environmental provisions. Another step would be to revitalize a Northwest Pacific action plan for marine environmental protection that was prepared by the United Nations Environment Program. The plan has stalled because of wrangling over its priorities and costs. South Korea could take a lead role in coordinating a regional approach to marine environmental protection. It has a relatively clean nuclear record and a growing inter-

est in environmental matters. Such leadership to stimulate cooperative management of the Sea of Japan's marine environment could

tension and political division into one of peaceful collaboration.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: The Pope's Health

ROME --- As there have been a good many reports spread about regarding the health of the Pope, it may be interesting to learn the truth about it.
The actual truth is as follows. His Holiness, considering his age, is as well as can be expected. He is, however, in what has been described by himself as a state of resignation, a resignation caused by the feeling ever present before him that the span of his frail life cannot be extended very much longer. He constantly refers to the probability of his death with a calmness and screnity which is as remarkable as it is beautiful,

1918: Wilson and Russia

PARIS - [An informed source says] President Wilson is far from opposing American participation should the necessity of an intervention of the Allies in Russia be demonstrated. But he could agree to it only for precise objects and according to a definite pro-

gram, excluding any form of a return to a regime which is out of data-LONDON — A despatch amounces that the Bolshevists have entered VIna. Another states that the Bolshevists, after capturing Riga, were driver out by the Lettons. The Bolshevists are preparing to attack the city again.

1943: Germany Pounded LONDON — [From our New York edition:] A record force of about 1,500.

American planes blasted targets in southwestern Germany yesterds) [Dec. 30] as its part in possibly the most sustained air assaults of the same and the same are assaults of the same are assaults of the same are assaults of the same are assaults. which saw at least 3,000 British and

American warplanes over Germany and occupied territory in the last 24 and occupied termory in the last enhours. The American daylight attack also set a record for the deepest pension by escorting, fighter plants some of which flew the entire 1,100 mile round-tip. A communique strong dayling the American force of the last strong dayling the American force of the last strong dayling and 12 fighters. 22 bombers and 12 fighters.

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On Israeli Pallouts?

Officials in Cairo See a Compromise

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

CAIRO - Palestinian and Egyptian officials said Thursday that despite the latest breakdown they expect the PLO and Israel to reach a compromise soon on Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho that originally was to begin Dec.

The officials said the Palestine Liberation Organization on Thursday gave Israel a memorandum of its understanding of security arrangements between the two parties after the withdrawal. It also discussed the way to organize Palestinian access to the two areas when a withdrawal takes place.
The talks broke down Wednes-

day after PLO officials accused Israel of having dropped many of the Palestinian views from an Israeli draft outlining these understandings, thus giving the impression that the talks had broken down. On Thursday, a senior PLO official said the differences were sur-

Emerging from a meeting attended by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, who is acting as a mediator, and the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, Nabil Sheath said. that negotiators from the security committees representing Israel and the Palestinians will resume their work in the Red Sea resort of Taba in Egypt. He dismissed reports of

unbridgeable differences. "We are in the middle of serious and long talks to solve problems that have prevented us from reaching an accord so far," said Mr. Shaath, who heads the PLO negotiating team. "This is not a last

chance or last stretch of anything." Mr. Arafat refused to make any comments after the meeting in what was his second visit to Egypt within 24 hours for consultations with Mr. Mubarak. He then left for

Egyptian officials said the breakdown was largely due to what one described as brinkmanship by both Israelis and Palestinians as they approached "the last quarter of an.

Interviews with Israeli, Egyptian and Palestinian officials suggested that the major block to progress remained the effort to meet PLOinsistence that arrangements for security are shown to give Palestinians a palpable measure of control

in the occupied territories. Israel has insisted that security controls be shared with Palestinians on points of access to the occu-

pied territories. "Arafat has to show the Palestin ians of Gaza and Jericho, at least, that after this accord they will not be living under Israeli occupation a senior Egyptian official said. "Some people may say this is symbolic, since the rest of the occupied territories will remain occupied for awhile, but in this case the symbol

is the key."

The official discussing events that led to the breakdown, said Palestinian and Israeli negotiators had indeed discussed in some detail several scenarios of how to reconcile Israeli and PLO concerns as well as differences over the size of the area of Jericho that is to be

evacuated by the Israelis. He said that several compromises were reached just before the

breakdown. Among these, an Israeli official said in a separate interview, was the agreement by Israel that PLO offi-cials will be standing behind a Palestinian flag" to greet Palestin-

ian visitors.
"We agreed they can have their own flag, which is a major concession at this stage," the Israeli said.
But he added that Israel was adamant that its security officials must have the right to veto the entry of

visitors deemed to be a risk and that their officers be present at Paiestinian outposts.

The breakdown occurred early

Wednesday after the team headed by the Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, made a rough draft of

the "understandings."
PLO officials showed that draft to Mr. Arafat, who arrived in Cairo early Wednesday on his way from Sudan to Tunis. He cabled back a few hours later that it was mucceptable and added several new

proposals. Later, Palestinian officials said the Israelis had "dropped" from the text some of the issues on whichboth sides had agreed, describing the document as "an Israeli ver-

sion" of the conversations.

On Thursday, the PLO offered and North Korea would hold another session early in Jamuary and described the differences as adopt a package agreement."

When an IAEA inspection comments suggested that a new citeam arrives in the Yongbyung area the holding of a third round of
fort at compromise will be under the package agreement, a niNorth Korea-U.S. talks," the offi-



Soldiers and villagers in Harout, in south Lebanon, at the scene of an attack Thursday by Israeli helicopters in which a man was killed.

Beijing, Bypassing Patten, Woos Hong Kong

day to take part in plans to replace
its government after China takes

Kong's post-1997 government. Mr.

Zhou is considered Beijing's de facto ambassador in Hong Kong.

ho a New Year's message, Zhou Nan, head of the local office of the Xinhua news agency, said Hong Kong's people were increasingly aware that their fate was intertwined with China's.

"We sincerely hope," he said,

Zhirinovsky

Puts Paris on

HONG KONG—Bypassing the all walks of life in Hong Kong will British colonial government, China's leading official in Hong Kong cy, and enthusiastically participate urged the colony's residents Thurs—in preparatory work" for Hong

This week, China repeated threats that in 1997 it would replace legislators and councilors elected under electoral reform plans proposed by Chris Patten, the London-appointed governor.

Mr. Patten's reforms, introduced

tions, Hong Kong's last before the handover.

China has guaranteed that Hong Kong can remain autonomous and capitalist after 1997, but says the Patten reforms violate treaties ceding the colony.

A Beijing-appointed committee of advisers from Hong Kong and China began this month discussing

to Hong Kong's partially elected ment that is more acceptable to legislature on Dec. 15 despite China China.

Many fear the group, called the Preparatory Work Committee,

could rival British authority in the last three and a half years of colo-

solicit public opinion. The Patten reforms, part of the

democracy blueprint he unveiled 15 months ago, would lower the voting age from 21 to 18, abolish appointed local council seats and introduce single-seat, single-vote how to form a post-1997 govern- constituencies.

Paris Snubs Swiss, Expels 2 to Iran

"for reasons linked to the national

France and Iran have had rocky

ties on several occasions.

The darkest period was in 1986

when a series of Paris bombings

carried out by an Iranian-backed

France's recent decision to allow

Massoud Rajavi's wife to reside in

parents for money."

After Gandhi's admonitions, the

new Indian government passed the Dowry Prohibition Act, which was intended to do just that but which has been ignored by rich and poor

alike, by government ministers and

street sweepers, lawyers and com-

In the marriage pages of The Times of India on Sundays, pages

of classified advertisements by

their daughters or wives for their sons, the code words that indicate

the need for a dowry are "decent

marriage." And most of the adver-

marriage. "And most of the saver-tisements are for a decent marriage.
"Indian society is basically dis-honest in itself," said Ravi Nair, the director of the South Asian Hu-

man Rights Documentation Center. "It says it puts a premium on spirituality. But it's really material-

istic to the core. It cannot actually

come to grips with what it says and

what it does. And it takes it out on

the weakest link in society, and

that's women. It's the easiest ounce

Donna Fernandes, another vol-

unteer with Vimochana, slipped

through a thick folder in the book-

store that the group runs. "All these are dowry deaths and dowry-relat-

cd cases," she said.
"Here's a case," she continued

fingering a wedding photo clipped

to the file. "He's a lawyer. He killed

to extract."

milies looking for husbands for

fran is known to be angry at

network killed 13 people.

comment would be made.

affair was stalled.

PARIS - France has expelled to

Must-Visit List Tehran two Iranians suspected of a role in the 1990 killing in Switzer-land of an opposition figure, reject-ing a Swiss extradition request "in PARIS - The Russian ultranationalist Vladimir V, Zhirinovsky, expelled from Bulgaria and barred from Gerthe national interest," the prime minister's office said Thursday.
The two suspects, Mohsen Sharif
Esfahani, 37, and Ahmad Taheri, many this week, said Thursday he planned to visit France in 32, were expelled Wednesday February to meet with consernight, said the official, speaking on

vative politicians.

A Foreign Ministry spokescondition of anonymity. Switzerland has been seeking the extradition of both men for the men said that France had not yet received a visa request for Mr. Zhinnovsky. Should this April 24, 1990, killing of Kazem happen, we will examine the request," he said.

Mr. Zhirmovsky said in an javi, leader of the Mujabidin Khalo, the leading Iranian opposition group.

The two were arrested in Paris in

interview from Moscow with France-Info radio that he wanted to meet the Paris mayor and former prime minist Jacques Chirac, who heads the Gaulfist Rally for the Republic party, the center-right lead-er and former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing, "and other well-known politicians."

Saying he did not see why the oness criticized aim and his party's policies, he added: "We are just like the party of Monstein Jacques Chirac, not like the party of Mousieur Le Pen or like other extreme

right-wing parties."

Joan-Marie Le Pen heads France's far-right National From.

DOWRY: Marriage's Fatal Flaw Gandhi wrote. "The system has to Continued from Page 1 go. Marriage must cease to be a the need to transform the Indian matter of arrangement made by soul. Part of that struggle in his

November 1992 at the request of

Swiss officials. A Paris court gave a

favorable opinion on the extradi-

eyes included abolishing the dow-"A strong public opinion should be created in condemnation of the degrading practice of dowry, and young men who soil their fingers with such ill-gotten gold should be

excommunicated from society,

ULSTER: Killing Blackens Hope

enable Sinn Fem to eventually join the talks over the future of the

The people of Northern Ireland have not been conned by this pro-posal." Francie Molloy, a Sinn Fein official, said in an interview. There need to be more clarifications, more concessions, and we are prepared to wait as long as neces-

sary to see them.

Mr. Molloy said republicans with whom he has spoken in the province believe their interests are best served by holding out for further concessions from Butain and Ireland, and not changing course. The major objection among re-

publicans to the British-Irish declaration is its insistence that the re-unification of Ireland can come about only with the consent of the majority of the people in the North, a point on which the British gov-ernment insists. At present, Protestants make up about 60 percent of the population of the six counties of Northern Ireland, which was cut off from the rest of Ireland and set aside as a British province seven

decades ago. Republicans argue that the people of Ireland as a whole — both north and south — should have the right to national self-determination, without the threat of any Unionist veto.

KOREA: Progress in Nuclear Rift

Continued from Page 1

enable the two Koreas to exchange special envoys carry in 1994. Youhap quoted an unnamed South Korean official as saying it

multaneous announcement would cial said.

be made in Seoul, Pyongyang and New York," the official said. Yongbyong north of Pyongyang, is the site of a nuclear complex that has become the focal point of suspi-

"The announcement would be on the exchange of special envoys between the two Koreas, suspension of the Team Spirit exercise and

her and put her in a gunnysack and dumped her in a lake. He was ac-SWITZERLAND quitted. He's a lawyer and he used his influence to get off." "Men feel they have a right to strike women." Ms. Fernandes

said. The law hardly works, the police hardly work. In India, I think the kind of inequalities in the relationship between men and women are more visible and more deep than elsewhere. Almost every day a woman is killed."

man media. Although the newspa per Die Welt warned that "the danger lies in making a martyr out of him and cautioned that German democracy is not so feeble as to require bans against the likes of Mr. Zhirinovsky, the Süddentsche Zeitung noted that Bonn had appropriately signaled that such an extremist was not a suitable partner

tung referred to Mr. Zhirinovsky, as it has since his election success earlier this month, as "the Russian

It has an office in Hong Kong to

to lodge a formal protest on Friday. Zeyal Sarhadj. A 1957 European convention on relations since the 1979 Iranian extradition obliges France and

living in Iraq. Switzerland and France have co-The office of Prime Minister

ment that French authorities decidvolving Iranians in recent years. On ed against the extradition request Aug. 27, 1991, Switzerland turned over to France Ali Vakili Rad, an interest." It added that no further Iranian suspected of taking part in the assassination of Shahpur Bakh-Swiss diplomats protested to the tiar, the former prime minister of French Foreign Ministry on Thurs- Iran. In May 1992, Switzerland exday night, and Bern was expected tradited another Iranian to France,

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ROME - Even as it finally reccenized Israel on Thursday, the Vatican sought to defend its position in the Arab world and to register its demand for international guarantees of Jerusaiem's spiritual Middle Fast and has compromised status as a holy place for Chrison the Jerusalem issue.

tians, Jews and Muslims alike. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican's spokesman, set out its position at a news conference here several hours before the signing in Jerusalem of a historic recognition

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service

As if to balance the impact of the development on Arab regimes in nations with Christian minorities. Mr. Navarro-Valls said a similar recognition deal was in the works with Jordan. "I hope I can an-

nounce it soon," he said. Moreover, Mr. Navarro-Valls said Monsignor Claudio Celli, the papal envoy who went to Jerusalem to sign the agreement, would meet tomorrow with Palestinians nominated by the Palestine Liberation Organization to begin an "institu-

ionalized" dialogue. The Vatican said its new embassy in Israel would be in Jaffa, which has a large Israeli Arah population.

Tel Aviv and Jaffa run together as a single urban area under the municipality of Tel Aviv. Most foreign missions are in Tel Aviv. Mr. Navarro-Valls said the Jaffa

location, in a church-owned residence for the Franciscan order, had been chosen for economic and technical reasons. "This is nothing with a political reason," he said.

Previously, the Pope's representative in Jerusalem for an area known in Vatican parlance as "Jerusalem and Palestine" has held the rank of apostolic delegate, meaning he is accredited to the local Roman Catholic Church, not to any gov-

Varican diplomats accredited to overnments recognized by the Holy See are known as nuncios. Vatican officials said the new nuncio in Israel would also have the title of apostolic delegate to Jerusalem and Jordan, meaning he would maintain access to the existing church residence in Jerusalem.

Mr. Navarro-Valls went out of his way to stress the Vatican's continued commitment to seeking some form of international guarantees for the city's spiritual status.

"It asks that whoever exercises sovereignty, alone or with others. must adhere to an internationally guaranteed special statute regarding the safekeeping of the highest religious and cultural values found

in that area," he said. "The Vatican does not have a formula," he said. "It just wants to

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ing sovereignty. The Vatican's concerns reflect a

For Vatican, a Balancing Act

Church Reaches Out to Jordan and the PLO

Until a few years ago, the Vatican insisted that Jerusalem be run as a separate, internationally superised entity. While that demand has been abandoned, the agreement seemed remarkable for the absence of any Israeli concession toward the Vatican's desire that the status of the city's holy sites be

internationally guaranteed, even if only symbolically Israel took East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 war and declared the city its "united and eter-

nal capital" in 1980. Mr. Navarro-Valls seemed indireculy to support Palestinian demands for national sovereignty. saving he hoped the peace negotiations would display "respect for the rights that everyone has to live with dignity, peace and security within

one's own homeland." The Vatican has always acwithin secure boundaries but as can has diplomatic missions in

from full recognition until the Ar-

state this principle. It is not attack- abs and Israelis were "at the same

table talking peace." For many years, the Vatican's sense among some Vatican officials attitude toward Israel has been that the so-called fundamental conditioned by centuries of Chrisagreement" signed in Jerusalem on tian-Jewish hostility and by its wor-Thursday falls short of addressing ries that ties with Israel would jeopall the Vatican's interests in the ardize Christian minorities in the Arab world, from Syria and Jordan

to Iraq and Egypt.

Mr. Navarro-Valls said the Vatican had summoned Arab ambassadors last July to discuss its negotiations with Israel and none had

opposed the idea. However, it seemed no coincidence that, on the day it recognized Israel, the Vatican should publicize its hitherto secret negotiations with Jordan on a similar recognition agreement, Jordan has a small Christian minority that includes some 50,000 Roman Catholics. Mr. Navarro-Valls said the deal was

'almost concluded ' Jordan's Christians have usually enioved a sheltered existence under King Hussein and Jordanian law accords them special voting rights so that they are represented in par-

The absence of diplomatic relations with Jordan, reflecting the instability and shifting frontiers around the Jordan Valley, is an knowledged Israel's right to exist anomaly in an area where the Vati-Mr. Navarro-Valls said, it shied many countries including Iraq and

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occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, questions about Church property in the Holy Land and the status of Jerusalem.

The city holds many of Christianity's most sacred shrines, including those revered in tradition as the sites of the crucifixion of Jesus, his burial and resurrection.

Israel says Jerusalem is its capital and that there is already free access to places of worship. Under the agreement, the two

sides have scheduled two years to negotiate on details. Israeli leaders see the agreement as capping a wave of international acceptance of Israel following the collapse of the Soviet bloc beginning in 1989 and the U.S.-backed Mideast peace

talks since 1991. The Vatican pledged to stay out of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but has multilateral Middle East peace negotiations at a later stage.
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o miant. The two juvenile defendants face maximum sentences of 10 years in prison, while the older pair could receive life sentences, Mr. Hof-

tenced to life in prison and the other, a juvenile at the time of the window. The blaze badly injured 10 attack, received the maximum 10year term.
Stung by criticism that German

justice is "blind in the right eye". Munich, where he not with the when it comes to prosecuting farright offenders, federal and state group, his request to re-enter the officials have attempted in the past year to crack down harder on neo-

imperial eagle, have been banned. In the latest action to defuse the far right, Bonn on Wednesday re-fused to issue a visa to the Russian ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirmovsky. Although Mr. Zhimovsky last week passed briefly through Munich, where he met with the leader of an extreme right Bavanian

country for an 18-day visit was remann said.

In a similarly notorious case, two neo-Nazi skinheads were convicted groups have been banned and sym-approval on Thursday in the Ger-Hitler."

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no longer communicate, remembering only a time of too much love, too much light, noth-

At the end of Verga's novella, Maria dies in

despair, of consumption. While otherwise keeping close to the original. Zeffirelli offers

an alternative conclusion: "From the time she goes back to the convent, Maria is dead to

the world, but not physically. Before this she has found out that she is the only woman that

the boy will ever truly love. In the end, he is

the defeated one, and she the winner."
"We know that when we pick up Verga, we are doomed." Zeffirelli said. "He was attracted

by unhappiness and tragedy, and his endings are always unhappy. But my message is that love, whether it is consummated or not, lights

up our lives. This message is very tough, but

very comforting for those who could not make

Although "Sparrow" is a quintessentially Sicilian and Italian story, most of Zeffirell's

actors are, as usual, English and American

(many of them, as often in his films, unknown

With nearly 30 opera productions, a score of plays and 10 films to his credit, Zeffirelli

betrays no signs of slowing down. Now that

post-production of "Sparrow" is nearly com-

pleted, he plans to direct a stage show in the

new year. "After a film I like to go back to the theater. Then I'll do another film. I like to

switch. The only way to rest, for me, is to get fangued differently. To get tired differently, in

the dreams of their lives come true."

Jonathon Schaech, in Zeffirelli's new film, "Sparrow," based on a Giovanni Verga novella and shot in Sicily.

By Roderick Conway Morris

OME - Just a few weeks away from his 71st birthday, the indefatigable director, theatrical designer and filmmaker Franco Zeffirelli greeted me in his dressing room at the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma looking unreasonably vouthful and justifiably pleased with the noisily appreciative public reception of his recent production of "Aida."

Amid the chronic uncertainty, empty coffers, staff strikes and low morale that has brought other Italian opera houses to a stand-still. Zeffirelli had managed to put on a dazzling show - employing for Verdi's ancient Egyptian epic romance astonishing, trompe-l'ocil sets painted on canvas by Lila De Nobili for his Milan production of 30 years ago.

"By some miracle, thank God," said Zeffirelli. "they were still in store at La Scala. Our original idea was to paint them in the style current at the time when "Aida" was written. Back then in the early '60s they were thought quite bizarre, but now that this kind of Orientalist. Gustave Moreau, fin-de-siècle style has come back into fashion."

After a gap of three years, Zeffirelli is about to launch a new film, "Sparrow," which opens in Italy at the end of January. and will be released on the international circuit in late spring. The film is based on 'Storia di una Capinera," an early novella by Giovanni Verga (1840-1922), and was shot in and around Catania, Verga's hometown.

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"Sparrow" is the tale of a young girl in mid-19th-century Catania whose mother has died and whose father has remarried. At the age of 7, Maria, played by young American actress Angela Marie Betts, has been packed off to a convent by her stenmother, eventually to become a nun. But when she is 19 a cholera epidemic breaks out.

Death in Catania," Zelfirelli said, "means life for her. The government order is to open up all the colleges and convents and send people away into the countryside because they are dying like flies. And this is how, that summer, the girl is given the opportunity to know what life is about, to see trees, rivers, animals, flowers, all the things she has never

Maria meets a handsome young boy studying to be a lawyer, who has also been sent out of the city. The girl's stepsister and stepmother have their eye on him - but he falls in love with the nun-to-be. "He proposes that they run away . . . but she doesn't have the courage — indeed she thinks she is being tempted by Satan."

At the end of the summer the epidemic subsides and they all go back to Catania. The boy marries the stepsister, and Maria returns to the convent to become a nun. Meanwhile, however, she becomes so obsessed with what she has lost that she is brought to the edge of madness. And, in fact, there is already in the convent an old nun (played by Vanessa Red-grave), who has gone mad and is hidden away a cell in the basement.

"It becomes clear that she, too, has had a

A Khmer Tradition Lives, in U.S.

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

ONG BEACH, California -"Don't be afraid of spirits and ghosts," the legendary dance master recently told a darkened auditorium full of refugees from the carnage of Pol Pot's Cambodia. "They are all part of our culture."

Above him on the stage, under a thin beam of light, a single dancer in a costume glittering with gold threads performed the ancient gestures of the apsaras, or heavenly dancers, carved into the walls of the temple of Angkor Wat.
The master, Chheng Phon, is one of the

small number of court dancers and dance teachers who survived the Pol Pot killings in the late 1970s as the Khmer Rouge sought to exterminate the educated class, he said. Those who survived clung to their art, practicing the movements at night under their mosquito nets or hiding their songbooks inside the woven walls of their huts.

The dancers on this recent evening were

former pupils of Chheng Phon, young per-formers through whom he has tried to revive the Khmer art form that embodies much of his country's culture. Ignorance is the illness of the Khmer

people," he said before the performance. ng Phon, who still lives in Phnom Penh, has made it his mission to call up the spirits and ghosts of the past, to reconnect the people of Cambodia with their history.

His visit to the large Cambodian community in Long Beach involved another painful reconnection, with five former students who had defected during a tour three years ago. They were some of the best dancers of the new generation in whom Chheng Phon was seeking to rekindle the spirit of those who

These students, along with three others who were in the United States for other reasons, gathered from around the country last week to pay homage to Chheng Phon and to dance together for him one more time.

Before the performance some were in tears as they met with him in the empty auditori-

um at California State University. For the dancers, scattered around the United States now, the evening offered the chance to pause for a moment from a new life and to become again for a moment a heaveniv dancer.

In their dressing rooms, the five women and three men transformed themselves in a painstaking, two-hour process, sewing them-selves into layers of rich silks, augmented with strips of Velcto.

"I am very happy today," said Masady Meas, a woman in her mid-20s who is living in Virginia and learning about computers. "I always tell myself one day we will meet together and dance together, and this day is my dream." She and others said that in their distant new homes they continued to perform the stretching exercises that keep them limber for their art. But now, when she bends her long fingers backward toward her wrists, Masady Meas said, "it hurts a little bit."

Chheng Phon, a quietly commanding man in his 60s with a neat gray moustache, said he aimed, with this performance, to remind the refugee audience of the richness of their

cultural heritage. "They don't respect them-selves," he said. "They don't see themselves as a nationality. They must be proud again to be Khmer. They must see the glory of their past and get the strength to work again and

contribute to society. His comments to the audience formed a counterpoint to the dazzling performances of his pupils, who danced to the music of a traditional orchestra as if they had never

been far from his guidance.

Bending their supple bodies into the sculphired shapes of Angkor, they tossed flowers toward the andience in the classical Blessing Dance and performed a scene from the Hindu epic the Ramayana in which Hanuman the white monkey courts a golden

TITH slow, hypnotic move-ments, female dancers portrayed a struggle between a goodess and a giant who tries to capture her magic jeweled ball, and male dancers representing monkeys and giants leaped in lively battle in an episode of the masked dance-drama Lakhon Khol.

Addressing the refugee audience, Chheng Phon emphasized the distance between these sophisticated dances and the ruin of their sopmsucated cances and the run of their society today. "How could a civilization that was so high thousands of years ago have reached such a low point?" he asked.

"Why is it today that nothing we try to do works?" he continued. "It is as if our eyes are blind and our ears are deaf. We have mouths but we cannot speak. After 20 years of war it seems that I'm stupid and I am unable to add or multiply. I can only subtract and divide."

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Shadowlanda Directed by Richard Attenborough. U.S.

"Shadowlands" is the most soothing film of the holiday season, even though it happens to be about tragic loss. That's because it has been directed, in ripely sentimental fashion, by Richard Attenborough, an uncommonly reliable filmmaker on subjects both large and small. Most of Attenborough's subjects ("Gandhi," "Chaplin," "Young Winston") are more

grandiose than this one, yet all his films can be counted on for the same homey predictability. As the autumnal romance that coaxes Anthony Hopkins out of his genteel shell, inviting the aulience to join him in a spectacularly good cry, "Shadowlands" has lots of old-fashioned virtues to recommend it. Here is Hopkins giving an amazingly versatile and moving performance. Here is Debra Winger, dying bravely in one more movie yet managing gracefully to avoid maudlin histrionics. Here is Oxford, filmed on a sizable bud-

get, most of which has been



Winger and Hopkins in "Shadowlands."

spent on tweeds. Here is a screenplay in which Hopkins gets to say both "beastly" and "balderdash," though not in the same scene. "Shadowlands" is the unlikely love story of C.S. Lewis, the Irish-born writer and lecturer and the American poet Joy Gresham, who married Lewis late in both their lives. It was adapted by William Nicholson from his play. Among the secondary characters are the smug Oxford professors who learn about love through Lewis,

known as Jack, and the bookloving student who tells Jack, "We read to know we're not alone." That's why we watch wann, weepy movies, too.
(Janet Maslin, NYT)

MadreGilda Directed by Francisco Requeiro. Spain

This unusual film takes yet another look at Spain under the dictator Francisco Franco, but it avoids the easy route of portraying him as a complete villain or

buffoon. Instead, the multilayered allegory takes on a dreamlike sensation in which Franco sheds tears. The film's window dressing of reality, such as the presence of the dictator's feared Moroccan bodyguards, provides a basis for the extended foray into Spain's subconsciousness and an examination of what Franco's rule meant. The setting is in the 1940s as the nation struggles to recover from the civil war. A senior aide-de-camp (José Sacristán) to Franco (Juan Echanove) is obsessed with discovering who ordered Franco's troops to rape his beautiful young wife (Barbara Auer) during the war. A solution to the mystery is triggered by the screening in Madrid of the Hollywood film "Gilda" starring Rita Hayworth, on whom the wife is patterned. We learn of the danger to Franco when postwar Spain makes strides against illiteracy and we see Spain's pent-up hope trying to blossom. The film always reaches for the highest ground, even if it does not deliver in every scene.

(Al Goodman, IHT)

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Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

WHAT lies at the root of the W human passion for collecting, which Werner Muensterberger, a psychoanalyst, defines as "the selecting, gathering and keeping of objects of subjective value?

In his new book, Muensterberger writes pedantically: "Observing collectors, one soon discovers an unrelenting need, even hunger, for stance how the "need for authentiacquisitions. This ongoing search is cation and approval by experts is a a core element of their personality. It is linked to far deeper roots. It turns out to be a tendency which derives from a not immediately dis-cernible sense memory of depriva-urges and pride." tion or loss or vulnerability and a subsequent longing for substitution, closely allied with moodiness

and depressive leanings." In plainer language: people in-jured by the loss of love in their childhoods spend the rest of their adult lives insatiably pursuing Toby jugs, matchbooks or salt-andpepper shakers. Often at the cost of

an relations. Such an explanation seems reasonable enough, at least if you are among the shrinking number of people who still believe that childhood events shape adult behavior. So what more can Muensterberger possibly have to say in a volume of nearly 300 pages?

By Alan Truscott

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Vickell of Raleigh, North Carolina. Dick Freeman of Atlanta, Jeff Meckstroth of Tampa, Florida,

in Seattle in November. Nick

Eric Rodwell of Naperville, Flori-da, and Bob Hamman and Bob

Wolff, both of Dallas, won the Rej-

singer Board-a-Match Team

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Reisinger, would be trivial at imp

scoring. Both teams reached four

hearts, which was exactly made by

Hamman and Wolff against Bob Goldman and Paul Soloway, But

when Mark Lair was the declarer

after the anction shown he did bet-

ter, playing against Meckstroth and

lection of essays on Germany and (Michael Kallenbach, IHT)

Quite a lot, as it turns out. He elaborates at length on the psychology of collecting, explaining for instance how the "need for authentireflection of two forces existing within the collector: the desire for self-assertion through ownership

second time. It is a magisterial col-

incorporate a mastery of historical

detail with an encompassing moral and philosophical framework."

He details some of the more extreme forms that the urge to collect has taken, from the man who collected every form of bell because he had been reared in a Catholic missionary orphanage where "only the sound of the bells of the little mission church had seemed to provide some source of comfort," to the Marquess of Bath, whose collection Churchilliana included one of

Sir Winston's half-smoked cigars. As well as exploring why people collect. Muensterberger applies what he finds to the history of humankind. Preliterate cultures, fearing death, often saw magical significance in the vital parts of others. Some would therefore collect hu-

man heads. In the Middle Ages, fingernails, Christ's alleged pre-

The increasing worldliness of the Renaissance aroused a passion for antiquity and objects of a scientific nature. In the 17th century, wealthy Dutch burghers amass art and tulip bulbs. But always, insists the author, the motive was anxiety and the need for self-assur-Most engagingly of all, Muen-

sterberger draws psychobiographi-cal portraits. They include Sir mas Phillipps (1792-1872), who sought to overcome his illegitimate birth by accumulating one copy of every book in the world, be it printed or in manuscript, and Honoré de Balzac, who, the author believes, never got over his mother's emotional coldness to him, and thus collected indiscriminately. Unfortunately, despite all the

ic Theory of Neurosis": "I am not in agreement with certain psychoanalytic propositions according to which 'cupidity and collecting ma-nia have their correlating determinants in the infantile attitude toward feces.' This, I believe, is too confining a point of view." And the urge to collect does not

get the idea.

come off as an entirely negative thing. It may be true that a monstrons form of the impulse led to the dismemberment of St. Elizabeth of Thuringia after her death in 1231 at the age of 23. But Muensterberger writes that

collecting is kept within bounds, "it is by no means an unhealthy ego defense." He concludes, "It is a device to tolerate frustration and a way of converting a sense of pas-sive initiation, if not anger, into challenge and accomplishment."

This comes as a relief, since by the book's broad-gauged definition of the impulse it examines, none of us are entirely exempt from the strange urge to collect.

Christopher Lehmann-Houpt B on the staff of The New York Tures

The Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs has just compiled its annual year-end collection of Japanes miscellany — figures about everything from eating habits. to economic woes. Nearly every Japanese housefold has color television, but half aren't hooked up to sewer systems. And there are 50,000 restaurants specializing

in raw fish. That's a lot of

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> The opening spade lead went to king. South won and drew trumps trick. This won the board for Lair

in three rounds, ending in his hand. He led a low club, and put West to the test. If West had taken his jack he would have held South to 10 tricks, but that play would have run a risk. If East had begun with K-Q

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doubleton in clubs the jack play would have squandered a trick and established dummy's ten. So West played low, reckoning that he would break even if South 9 10 9 7 5 held the queen. South won with the ten, ruffed a spade and cashed the 4 1843 club queen. East threw a diamond. but was in trouble when South ruffed his last club. A diamond

dummy's diamond ace and establish a trick, so East gave up a spade. Now a spade ruff reduced all players to three diamonds, and a diamond to the jack endplayed East, who had to win and lead from the ace and East shifted to the club his remaining honor at the 12th

discard would have let South play

and his teammates, but their opponents had the last laugh when the

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Thus, after describing an outbreak of Black Death in the Netherlands and connecting it to the

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eruption of tulipomania, he concludes: "It is apparent that the admiration for the object not only gives reassurance to the owner. It enhances his self-image. It also provides protection against the insecurities of the past." One begins to Still, the point of "Collecting" is hardly trivial. The theory it proposes is not nearly as reductive as some. As the author concludes, cit-ing Otto Fenichel's "Psychoanalyt-

Fashion and Fetishes: In Bonn, Art of Shoes

By David Galloway

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ONN - As prehistoric cave paintings amply document, footgear is one of the first forms of clothing devised by man. Precisely when the shoe ceased to offer simple protection against frost and thours and peobles and became a modish accessory, however, is a question to which cultural historians and

anthropologists find no ready answer.

It is certain that by the 15th century the fashionable follies of the male sex had reached such extremes that European monarchs felt compelled to intervene. Their tenget was the exaggeratedly pointed shoe, ancestor to those "winkle-pickers" popularized by the Beatles and revived by parlor punks. Royal edicts restricted the stender, elongated "beak" to a length of 60 centimeters (24 inches) for noblemen, 30 for burghers and 15

for the common folk.

That fetishism and fashion are kindred spirits is one of the themes that emerges from an ensemble of 1,000 "Abandoned Shoes," at the Landesmuseum in Bonn. Antique shoes join company with creations by celebrated designers, with shoes in painting and sculpture and photography, with shoes worn to dilapidation by contemporary artists, with amulets and boot-shaped cups that point to forgotten totemic rituals.

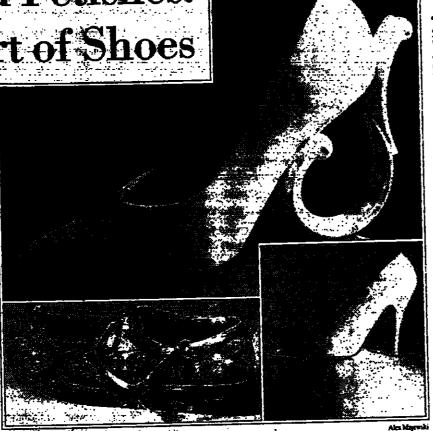
As the mediator between the body and Mother Earth, the shoe was once regarded as a symbol of fertility and fidelity. Even today, the custom of drinking red wine from the bride's slipper can be encountered in rural communities in Eastern Europe. Tying a pair of old shoes to the bumper of a boneymoon-ing couple's car has similar fetishistic sources. "Send me your worn-out dancing shoes."

Goethe wrote to his beloved Christiane, "that I may press them against my heart."

As a smart accessory, the shoe had evolved by the 18th century into the basic forms we know today, and a European lady of fashion required an average of 360 pairs a year, many of them feathered, beaded or embroidered. Coordinating color and style became considerably easier when the English designer Charles Frederick Worth opened his Parisian salon in 1857. At the same time, the first massproduced shoes appeared on the market, and manufacturers were quick to adopt the trends set by exclusive houses. But the democratis tion of footwear hardly dimmed the enthus asm for extravagant and hazmious craftsmanship. Legendary names like Yantori, Perugia,

Ferragamo and Vivier would find secure footholds on the high-fashion ladder.

Though celebrated for a distinctly European brand of sophistication. Ferragamo first found commercial success in Holby wood, shodding the stars. He also registered in the course of his bletime as fewer than 350 patents for cobbling impossibles, in cluding the steel shaft that stabilizes a space



From the "Abandoned Shoes" exhibition at the Landesmuseum in Bonn.

heel. The sky was now the limit, and the celebrated music-hall star Mostingnett was much second-rate art on view. celebrated music-hall star Missinguett was among the high-flying trendsetters. The heels of her custom-made Perugia creations were so extreme that she could do little more than hobble to the door to greet her guests. Such excesses play a central role in the Bonn show, which is strongest in its presentation of the Sipped-out follies of the Swinging Sixthes; bard-shaped and fish-shaped ex-

travaganzas, towering wedgies in neon colors, testering pumps conceived to make the miniskirt seem even more mini. Fried and A Millian was a HE number of contemporary models on view in Bonn makes the presentation ancomfortably remimiscent of a fashion fair. The obvi-

one danger is that viewers will be reminded wither of a Red Cross bazaar or a department store display.

The spike like fantasies of Allen Jones and Heinfur Newton do much to contextualize the Hemint Newtier do much to contentualize the show) which also includes the famous portrait of Newton, made by his wife, Alice Springs, in which the photographer sports a pair of opening sings back pumps. The shoe has been a recomme mount in the visual arts af least since wan Gogle produced his remarkable still lifes of work worn brogues. That Boun had to forgo, a wan Gogle is understandable, the omission of Warland's naughty "Shoe Books" and glittering "Diamond Dust Shoes" is no

And what of the shoe in film? Chaplin's commet spoof in "The Gold Rush," Fred Astaire's wing-tips, the ruby slippers that whisk Dorothy to the Land of Oz, the spike beel that Elizabeth Taylor grinds into Laurence Harvey's foot in "Butterfield 8" are all part of modern footlore. Shoe motifs in detective novels and films are an indispensable element of the genre; footprints in the bego-nia bed, upturned shoes revealing the corpse behind the sofa, the gumshoe's own shoes propped on his battered desk.

Many of these themes are evoked, without

illustration, in the catalogue that accompanies "Abandoned Shoes" and that the curators of the show ambitiously describe as an "anthology." The texts are printed in such small type, however, that the content is virtually indecipherable. The prostitutes of ancient Athens understood more about the art of shoe-communication. They inserted nails into the soles of their sandals to imprint a message in the dust. As they moved along, they blazed an unmistakable trail that read: "Follow me."

"Abandoned Shoes" is at the Landesmuseum until Jan. 31. From March 13 through June 15 it will be at the German Leather and Shoe Museum in Offenbach am Main.

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Vienna closed Saturdays. This new museum focuses on the relationship over the centuries between lews and their sur-roundings in Austria and Europe. To Feb. 13: "The Freudians." Pricto-

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KunstHaus, tel: 712-04-95. daily.
Continuing/To Jan. 27: "Joan Miro: Sculptures and Drawings."

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649-7151, daily. Continuing/To
Merch 13: "Degas in Bronze."

London
British Museum, tel: (71) 323-8525.
daily. To April 10: "The Arts of Hindusm." A survey of Hindu deines and their worship through temple and domestic sculptures, devotional paintings and textiles as well as Indian paintings from Raiput and Pahari
British Academy of Arts, sel: (71) paintings from Rajput and Pahan Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (7:1) 439-7438, daily. Continuing/To Jan. 23: "Great Master Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum." Features 120 drawings from the Italian, Dutch, French, Spanish and Ger-man schools." man schools.

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The Royal Opera at Covent Garden, tel: (71) 240-1066. Bizet's "Carmen." Conducted by Jeffrey Tate, with Denyce Gaves, Neil Shaden. coff/Richard Margison and Leontina Vaduva. Jan. 21, 24, 27 and 29.

CANADA

Toronto Musée des Beaux-Arts de l'On-tario, tel: (416) 977-0414, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To March 6: "Seven Florentine Heads: 15th-Century Drawings from the Collection of Her Majesty the Oueen." Silverpoint drawings by leading draftsmen of the Renaissance including Fra Angelico. Leonardo da Vinci, Domenico Ghirlandaio and Filippo Lippi.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Castle Riding School, tel: (2) 33-37-32-32. To March 27: "Recent and Contemporary Czech Painting From the State Galleries' Collections." Fo-cuses on Czech painting from the 1960s up to the present day.

DENMARK Humlebaek

Humreosek Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, tel: (42) 19-07-19, daity. Continu-ing/To March 6: "Claude Monet: Works from 1880 to 1926."

FRANCE Bordeaux

Musée des Arts Décoratifs, lei: 56-10-15-62, closed Tuesdays. To Jan. 31: "Meubles et Images de Meubles." Renaissance and 17th-century furniture, as well as photographs of Kunstmuseum, tel: (228) 77-62-60,



Mask by Swedish artist Henrik Allert in Paris show.

interiors in the second half of the 19th Closed Mondays, To Jan. 9: "Christo: The Pont-Neuf Wrapped, Pans 1975-

Musée de la Mode, lei: 91-14-92-20. To March 27: "Yves Saint Laurent: Exotismes." Designs, jewels and ac-

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Francesco Cilea's "Adnenne Lecouvreur." Conducted by Maunzio Benini,
with Mirella Freni and Giacomo Ara-

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85." Drawings, sketches and photo-graphs of Paris's oldest bridge when it was draped in sandstone-colored cloth by Christo in 1985.

cessories showing the influence of "exotism" on the couturer's cre-

Dublin The Irish Museum of Modern Art, tel 671-8686, closed Mondays. To Jan. 16: "Max Ernst Sculpture 1934-1974." 40 works in bronze daing Paris Bibliothèque-Musée de l'Opéra, tel: 47-42-07-02. caily. Continuing/To Feb 27. "Voyages d'Opera." 19th-century drawings, watercolors and gouaches of costumes and sets for operas that take place in Oriental or exotic settines. from Ernst's early work with Arp and Giacometti in the 1930s to the end of his working life in 1974.

IRELAND

Ferrara
Testro Comunale, tel: (532) 20-2675. Mozan's "Le Nozze di Figaro."
Conducted by Claudio Abado, with
Ruggero Raimondi, Cecilia Gasdia.
Sylvia McNair and Lucio Gallo. Jan. 13, 15, 17 and 19.

Palazzo Reale, tel: (2) 87-19-13. To Jan. 30: "Kasimir Malevich." Fea-tures 60 paintings by the Russian Check before going.

painter (1878-1935) from the Russian State Museum in St. Petersburg.

JAPAN

Kagawa Reoma Hall, tel: (877) 86-55-33. To Feb 28. closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays "The Kingdom of Bhutan." Bhutan tolk clothes, festival masks and musical instruments used. at Buddhist services and a Kannon statue bearing 11 different faces.

Bunkamura Museum of Art, tel: (3) 3477-9252, daily, To Jan. 23: "Haute Courure 1870-1970." The history of Paris fashion through a display of 150 pieces.

150 pieces.
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Stedelijk Museum, tel. (20) 5732-Judd." A selection of the American sculptor's geometrical works. Materials used vary from copper, steel and galvanized iron to wood and plastics.

Madrid

Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, tel: 420-3944, closed Mondays To Jan. 16 'Obras Sobre Papel.' 79 draw-16 'Obras Sobre Papel.' 16 "Obras Sobre Papel." 79 drawings acquired by Baron Hans Heinnich Thyssen-Bornemisza, including sketches and studies by Renoir, watercolors by Cezanne, a series of 10 color Inhographs by Toulouse-Lautrec, and collages and pastels.

SWITZERLAND

Theatre Municipal, tel. (21) 312-6433. Offenbach's "La Belle Helene." Directed by Jerome Savary. conducted by Jean-François Monot. with Marie-Ange Todorovitch, Nikola Ivanov and Jacques Sereys Jan. 2, 5, 6, 8, and 2

UNITED STATES

New York Metropolitan Opera, tel: (212) 362-

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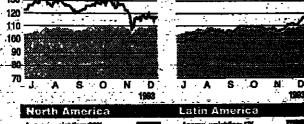
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Shell Sets Plastics Merger

Deal Will Reduce Montedison's Debt

MILAN — Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Italy's Montedison SpA said Thursday that they would merge major parts of their plastics husinesses, creating an equally owned company with annual sales of about \$2.7 billion.

The new company will be the world's largest producer of polypro-pylene, a plastic used for car parts. Montedison, the debt-laden chemical group controlled by Fer-pazzi Finanziaria SpA, will contribute two thirds of the assets, including Delaware-based Himont Inc. Montedison will receive no cash

but will transfer about \$2 billion of its \$10 billion debt to the new company.

"It's positive for Montedison, and Shell is making a good deal," said Lorenzo Colucci, an analyst at Natwest Scienties Ltd. in London. He said Shell was "buying a well-known name just when the recession

appears to be ending."
Himont was Montedison's largest operating unit and potentially its most profitable, analysts said. Montedison is also selling another polypropylene maker, Moplefan SpA, to the joint venture.

In addition, the companies will merge their polyethylene activities, putting the wenture in the top 10 producers of that plastic. Montedison and Shell began talks

on a merger two years ago, and was close to signing an accord. No reasons were given for the subsequent delays, but in May Montedison and Ferruzzi anhornced that creditor banks had

ruzzi's failure to pay interest on part of its debt. ■ Drug Units Sold

-Pharmacia AB, a unit of Procordia AB, said Thursday that it had accounted the 49 percent of shares it did not already own in two pharma-centical subsidiaries of Montedison for 3.8 billion Swedish kronor (\$459 million million), AFP-Extel News reported from Stockholm.

The New Barbary Coast U.S. Fights Cassette Pirates on Cyprus

By Mark Fineman Los Angeles Times Service

NICOSIA - The tiny shops off Ledra Street in the heart of Nicosia's ancient walled city seemed an unlikely battlefield this week for an American trade war on international piracy.

Unsold inflatable Santas still dangled from out-door sales racks beside postcards of topless sun-worshipers on the beaches of this Mediterranean island. Innocent shawls of Cypriot lace adorned the walls inside, and souvenir ashtrays lined the shelves. But the stores were packed with shoppers, and it wasn't a post-Christmas rush on tourist kitsch. The

target: floor-to-ceiling wall racks almost hidden in the corner. The shoppers had come for "Demoh-tion Man." "Jurassic Park," "Cliffhanger" and "Aladdin" — high-quality, pirated videocassettes of dozens of recent American films — in a pre-New Year's rush on these and other products of intellectual contraband.

As of New Year's Day, this small country will become an international test case of America's ability to police the pirates - 20th-century thickes of everything from Sylvester Stallone's latest action adventure to Microsoft's latest corporate com-

Under a Cypriot law passed after unprecedented pressure from Washington, the Cypriot government promised to crack down on the island's booming trade in pirated video and audio casettes, computer software, books and a host of other copyrighted material that U.S. trade associations say have violated American intellectual-property laws with impunity for years.

At stake in the new copyright law are tens of millions of dollars that those trade associations estimate the handful of Cypriot pirates rob from Hollywood's film industry and other American exporters each year. But the new law also will test the U.S. government's policy of using the threat of trade barriers to protect American business interests abroad.

The threat came in the form of a decision by U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor last

Wednesday to suspend duty-free status for several items that Cyprus exports to the United States, unless Cypriot authorities prove they are serious about the law. The legislation passed last June but with a grace period that allowed pirates to maximize their profits before it kicked in. Mr. Kantor's decision marked the first time Washington has taken such stern action against a country engaged in intellectual piracy.

As evidence of the importance the United States attaches to the new law — and the depth of its skepticism — those shops in Nicosia's old city and throughout the island will be filled next week with undercover U.S. Embassy sleaths and civilians

It is called an international test case of America's ability to police 20th century thieves of everything from Sylvester Stallone's latest action adventure to Microsoft's latest program.

working for the Washington-based International Intellectual Property Alliance. For weeks to come, they will scour the island for violators.

Economically, the stakes are not terribly high for Cyprus. They boil down to shotgun shells, village wine and women's blouses, the bulk of the Cypriot export trade to America covered under the Generalized System of Preferences that Mr. Kantor revoked for Cyprus last week. The Cypriot duty-free trade covered by the system of preferences totals just \$1.2 million a year.

Rather, U.S. officials said, the threat to treat Cyprus as a trade pariah was meant as a powerful See PIRACY, Page 12

Foreign Firms In China Brace **For Yuan Shift**

REIJING - Joint-venture and foreign firms in China said on Thursday they would sharply raise local prices to counter a de facto currency devaluation scheduled to take effect Saturday.

The price increases for products based on imported goods reflect sweeping currency and tax reforms that come into effect Saturday, for-

eign venture managers said.

Managers of Beijing's scores of joint-venture hotels called an emergency meeting to share strategies for coping with China's latest steps toward what it calls a "socialist

market economy."

Managers of foreign enterprises swamped banks with inquiries about the government's plans, announced on Wednesday, to abolish the artificially high official ex-change rate and let the yuan float. The changes have made yuan-denominated Foreign Exchange

Certificates a pariah currency.

The certificates, held mostly by foreigners, can buy hard currency at the official rate of 5.8 yuan to the dollar. They have therefore generally been worth about 50 percent more than ordinary yuan, whose market value at state-sanctioned swap centers has been 8.7 to the

Foreign ventures are obliged to accept the certificates after Jan. 1 until they are formally withdrawn as legal tender. With the changes, however, businesses that quote

prices in certificates will have to raise prices sharply after Jan. 1.

Udo Heine, manager of the Pal-ace Hotel, said the combined impact of the currency and tax reforms was forcing him to completely reassess his hotel's bud-get, and were likely to force him to

raise prices sharply.
"Under these reforms, we'd have to raise our yuan prices 75 per-cent," Mr. Heine said.

U.S. and China In Textile Talks

WASHINGTON - U.S. officials, sidestepping talks of year-end trade sanctions, said Thursday that Chinese officials have been invited to Washington for last-ditch talks to resolve a dispute over

Chinese textile exports. The officials have also said that China has pledged to be-gin compliance with a 1992 accord to open many of its markets to imports by Dec. 31, and that the United States is awaiting compliance.

Washington has accused Beijing of exceeding its textile export quotas by diverting tex-tiles through third countries.

Housing, Jobs Data Bolster Upbeat U.S. Outlook

taken over their boards after Fer-WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes in the United States jumped 11.3 percent in November to a 7½-year high, the government said Thursday, and claims for un-employment benefits fell, as the

country prepared to end 1993 on a note of strong economic recovery.

New single-family homes were sold last mouth at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 807,000, the prefer relatively slow growth and

highest level since April 1986, the Commerce Department said.

In another report, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits dropped 39,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 291,000, the lowest level in nearly five years.

The signs of strength in the econ-

low inflation for their fixed-income day before Christmas, leaving fewinvestments. The benchmark 30year U.S. Treasury bond numbled 1

Analysts cautioned that the numbers were influenced by special factors and said the recovery was bound to slow its pace or to stop for breath soon. The fall in unemployment claims, for instance, could

er days to file claims. But President Bill Clinton, who greeted the reports as showing that "the American people have taken control of their economic destiny."

He added: "This shows the results of low interest rates, low inflation, bringing down the deficit and increasing investment. People are

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bent-sen, meanwhile, predicted that the was golfing Thursday at Hilton
Head Island, South Caroling,
grow at an annual rate of between 4 percent and 5 percent in the fourth quarter. Private economists have made similar forecasts.

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WALL STREET WATCH

A Golden Name Tarnished

By Brett D. Fromson

EW YORK — In banking, reputation is everything, and no banking a better name than J.P. Morgan d. Ca. That is why the inrmed this week at Spain's Banco Español de Crédito SA, which Morgan advises and owns a clauk of, is emising a stir in the money world.

money world. Banesio came a cropper because of bad loans and because it may have employed "questionable accounting," according to Christian Von Hoffmann, an analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co., a British

The bank was also brought down, according to Wall Street sources, because Baneste had purchased as much as 30 percent of its own shares in the open market for more than the company re-ports its shares are worth. Such buying erodes a bank's capital base and reduces cash available in a

According to a source close to Morgan, Spanish regulators rushed to take control of Banesto after they learned of a Dec. 23 meeting in New York at Morgan headquarters between Mosgan executives and Banesto's now-ousted chairman, Mario Conda Them the street discussed the receivilies of de. There the parties discussed the possibility of the Spanish bank buying out Morgin's investment.

the Spanish bank buying out Morgan's investment.

"He definitely was in the Morgan offices, on the
23d," said the source close to Morgan. "We have
been told by people" at Morgan "and in Spain that
Morgan demanded to be bought out by Banesto.
When the Bank of Spain got wind of that, they shat
this whole thing down. They wanted to keep Morgan. From getting out. If Banesto bought out
Morgan, then the financial risk would have moved
to the Spanish taxpaver."

Morgan, and the spanish taxpayer.

A Morgan spokesman had no comment Bar a Corsair would profit by buying mine source at Morgan who is informed about the Banesto problem said. "A restructuring plant was this See BANK, Page 11

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cussed at the meeting, but no decision was made to

Mosgan controls 8.17 percent of Banesto's shares through a \$1 hillion investment partnership called Corsair, named for the yacht of the 19th-century financier John Pierpont Morgan. The Wall street bank owns 0.26 percent of Banesto itself,

with the rest spread among the other partners.

J.P. Morgan & Co. launched the Corsair partnership early in 1993 as "a unique opportunity to earn attractive returns by investing in the restruc-

Morgan sold the Corsair parnership as a chance to earn attractive returns by investing in the restructuring of the banking industry.'

ming of the banking industry," according to a confidential Morgan document. "The partnership believes it can identify those weakened institutions with strong underlying value." Partnership interests were offered only to wealthy individuals and institutional investors.

Morgan's offering attracted a host of big name investors and companies looking to make a profit, including the billionaire speculator George Scros, the General Electric Co. pension fund and Cartisle

The original notion was that Morgan would spot banks—especially regional U.S. banks—needing Corsair's money and Morgan's financial advice to get back on their feet and that the investors in Corsair would profit by buying minority owner-

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CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Banesto Said to Need \$3.5 Billion

MADRID - The troubled Banco Español de Crédito needs 500 billion pesetas (\$3.5 billion) to put it on sound financial footing, Economy Minister Pedro Solbes said in

Congress on Thursday. Mr. Solbes was explaining the Bank of Spain's decision on Tuesday to fire Banesto's chairman, Mario Conde, and his entire board and take control of bank management.

"The inspectors realized that the deterioration in Banesto's balance sheet was far worse than had been expected and it needed an urgent rescue plan," Mr. Solbes said. "It needs funds of around 500 bil-

"We had to eliminate a risk to the whole Spanish banking system," said Luis Angel Rojo, vernor of the Bank of Spain. Ranesto expanded too fast between 1988 and 1991 and took on too many bad debts, he said. Its loan portfolio grew 109 percent over the period, deable the successor rate for double the average rate for

Operating costs shot up as iesto took on expensive See BANESTO, Page 11

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Economic Upturn Scares Bond Market

The pullback on Wall Street

6.33 percent from 6.24 percent.

and higher interest rates in 1994.

on weekly claims for unemploy-

ment insurance benefits. The La-

Among the signs of rapid growth were an unexpectedly strong report

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks sagged came in response to heavy selling in Thursday in sluggish year-end the bond market, which depressed trading after strong economic data the 30-year Treasury bond by more and fears of inflation knocked than 1% points. Its yield, which bond prices down and raised inter-

age fell 18.45 points to close at strong pick-up in economic growth 3,775.88. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

Declining issues outnumbered Traders worried that the growth advances by about 5 to 4 on the might lead to a pick-up of inflation

N.Y. Stocks

New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume was a light 193.65 million shares, off 75.63 milhon on Wednesday.

bor Department said the number of new applicants for jobless benefits The Standard & Poor's 500 index also fell, by 1.94 to 468.64. But the fell by 39,000 last week to 291,000. Arrow International Inc. rose 11/2 Nasdaq Combined Composite into 221/2 after the company said firstdex bucked the trend, rising 2.60 quarter income rose to 27 cents a share from 22 cents a year ago.

points to 771.08.

"Today it looks like the early weakness in bonds spilled over into stocks and that's been the theme so far," said Greg Nie, a technical market analyst at Kemper Securi-

tion both at 3 percent in 1994.

further the rate of unemployment.

Foreign Exchange

Builders, said that although the

housing market clearly was strong, he could not explain the surge in

those cases where the Commerce Department's sampling methods

Robert Dederick, chief econo-

cago, said of the home-sales jump: "This is a number that is not likely

to be sustained. But let's enjoy it."

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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he said.

ECONOMY: Strong Note in U.S. in the strongest growth of the year. Builders are stepping up construc-tion, they said, and buyers are purministration, Mr. Bentsen said he would like to see growth and infla-

put in their homes. This should allow interest rates to remain relatively low and reduce The gain in home sales surprised many economists, who were generally expecting an increase of 2 per-

(AP, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

cent to 3 percent. It followed a revised 2.2 percent drop in October, previously reported as a 6.5 percent decline. Sales had soared The Western states accounted for the bulk of the advance. Sales in that region jumped 33.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of

273,000. the highest level since John McCarthy, chief dealer at David Seiders, an economist for the National Association of Home

more attractive. the West, which includes the soft Analysts pointed out that the lack of liquidity in the market be-"We know that some parts of the Western region are doing nicely." he said. "But I worry this is one of

At the close, the dollar was quoted at 1.7355 Deutsche marks, up from 1.7275 DM at Wednesday's close. It also edged up to 111.825 yen from 111.750.

mist at Northern Trust Co. in Chi-Against other currencies, the dollar gained to 1.4815 Swiss francs from 1.4665 francs and to 5.893 But at an underlying level, econ-omists said bome sales were part of French francs from 5.8655. The pound was marginally lower, at \$1.4762, compared with \$1.4770. a fourth-quarter revival of consum-

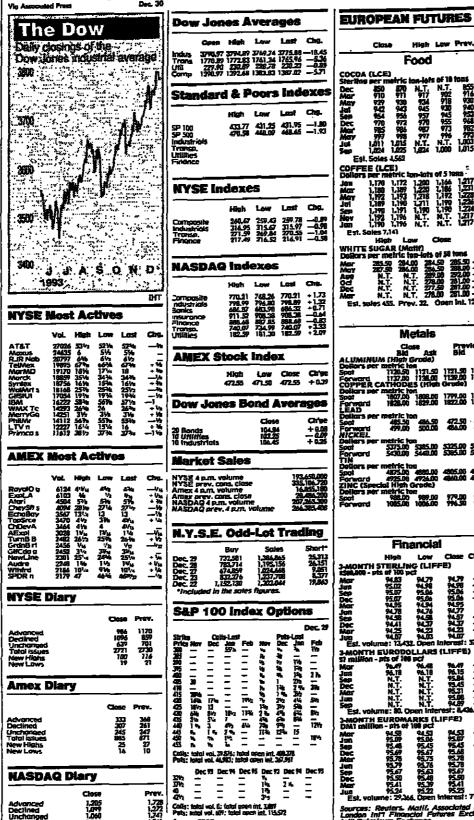
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MCI Communications gained 1½ to 27 after a newspaper report said the company planned to enter the local telephone market. (AP, Knight-Ridder, Reuters) chasing furniture and appliances to

The advances in home sales came as buyers rushed to take advantage of low mortgage rates - partly out of fear that the low rates would appear as the economy heated up. The average rate on 30-year mortgages edged up from a 25-year low of 6.83 percent in October to 7.16 percent in November.

■ Dollar Extends Its Gains The dollar was higher in thin trading, adding to the gains it made Wednesday against the Deutsche mark and other major currencies, news agencies reported from New

ING Bank said the dollar had reached a high in New York of 1.7370 DM as the bond market fell, raising interest rates and making dollar-denominated investments



iended to exaggerated the currencies movements, however. DAX Ends Year With a Bang

FRANKFURT - The Frankfurt stock market ended 1993 trading with a flourish on Thursday, bringing its rise over the year to 47 percent. The 30-share DAX index rose 51.98 points to close at 2,266.68, with traders hoping that investment funds would drive the market even higher

London and Paris, which have both risen to record highs recently, both retreated a little.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading British shares ended 33.2 points lower at 3,428.8. In Paris, the CAC-40 share index finished down 0.67 at 2,281.22.

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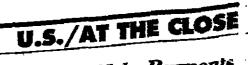
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arrears, while Brazil paid \$160 million, Vice Chairman William Rhodes of Citibank said Thursday. Mr. Rhodes said that Brazil's payment amounted to about 10 persons of the interest due between Jan. 1, 1992 and July 8, 1992. Argentina's total debt is \$65 billion, while Brazil's total debt is \$120 billion. Salomon Trades Common Trades Co

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Thomas F. Murphy, former Salomon Brothers Inc. head government bond trader, agreed to pay \$300,000 to settle a Securities & Exchange Commission lawsuit regarding his involvement in a 1001 Thomas F. ment in a 1991 Treasury auction scandal, according to court documents.

He neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing.

Mr. Murphy was co-defendant with his boss, Paul Mozer, head of the Salomon government-bond trading desk, in a suit which alleged that they submitted false bids at government-bond auctions between August 1959 and May 1991 so that Salomon could exceed the amount of bonds it was

Mr. Murphy was not criminally charged, while Mr. Mozer pleaded guilty to two felony counts. On Dec. 14, Mr. Mozer was sentenced to four manths in property of the country o months in prison for submitting two false bids at a February 1991 Treasury bond auction.

MCI May Cut Long-Distance Charges
WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — MCI Communications Corp., the
No. 2 long-distance provider in the United States, may announce a plan next week that could reduce the billions of dollars it pays local phone

companies to complete long distance calls.
"We are always interested in reducing the access charges that we pay to the Bell operating companies," said Bernie Goodrich, a spokesman for MCL "We will be making some announcements next week, not specifically on this subject, but it would probably include it." He was not more

specific.

MCI currently pays more than \$5 billion annually in access charges, equivalent to about 45 percent of its total revenues.

Revived Pan Am Ready for Takeoff

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Cobb Partners and Flying Cloud Associates said Thursday they have formed Pan American World Airways Inc., promising to return Pan Am to a "position of world leadership and

The revived airline will be lead by Chairman and Chief Executive Charles Cobb Jr., who led Cobb Partners to a winning bid for the company trademarks and other assets several weeks ago at a bankrupicy auction in New York. Mr. Cobb was undersecretary of commerce during the Reagan administration, ambassador to Iceland and a Walt Disney Co. director.

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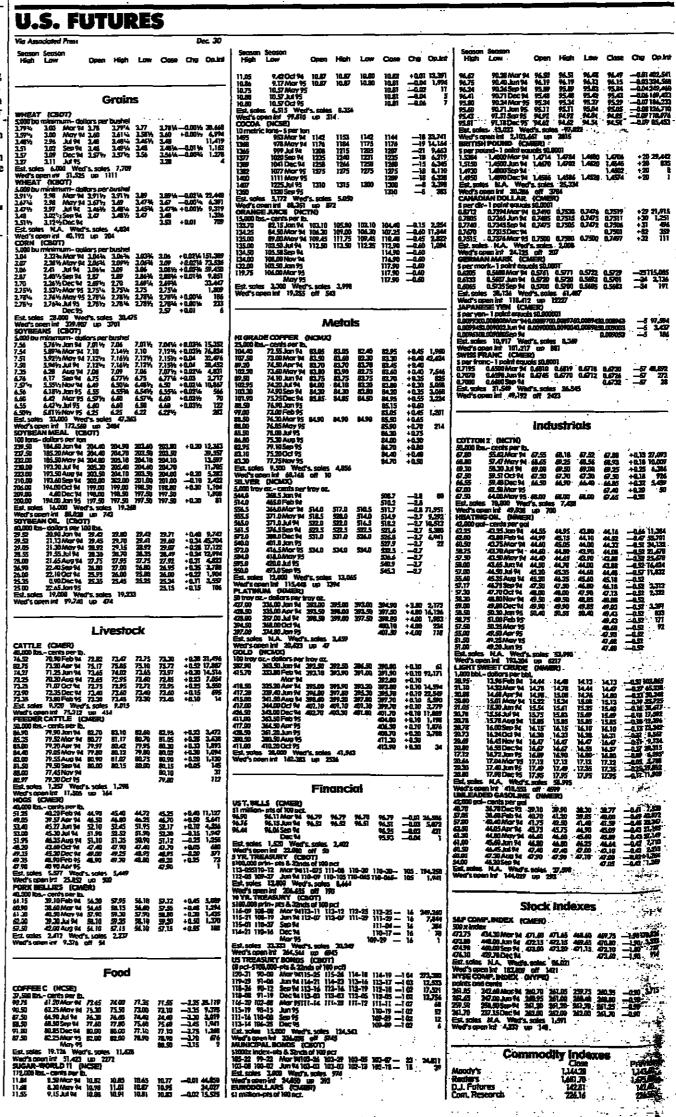
Chevron Corp. announced three oil discoveries which were made recently in the North Sea, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea. It said the finds were the result of a new strategy to increase international explora-(Knight-Ridder) tion and production. The Travelers Inc., the company created by the merger of Primerica Corp. and The Travelers Corp., will debut on the New York Stock Exchange Monday under the symbol TRV. On Tuesday Eastman Chemi-

cal Co., which was spun off from Eastman Kodak Co., will be listed under (Knight-Ridder) the symbol EMN.

Zale Corp., the largest U.S. jewelry retailer, named Larry Pollock, president and chief executive officer of Kartens Jewelers, as its new ARN. president and chief operating officer.

SuperMac Technology Inc., a developer of graphics peripherals mainly for Apple Macintosh computers, said it would take a \$3 million charge to lay off about 15 percent of its staff.

Procter & Gamble Co. acquired control of Compagnia Quimica SA of Argentina, which makes cleaning products and insecticides, from Bunge y Born SA for an undisclosed price.



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ROME - Italy, which has experienced decades of rapid price rises, announced on Thursday the lowest minual inflation rate in 24 years.
Official data showed inflation

averaged 4.2 percent in 1993, below the government's forecast of 4.5 percent and sharply down from 5.4 percent in 1992. It was the lowest rate since the 2.8 percent annual increase recorded in 1969.

BAe Sells Unit In Netherlands

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON — British Aero-space PLC said Thursday it had sold a Dutch construction unit, Ballast Nedam BV, for £175 million (\$261 million).

The buyers included Hochtief AG, a German construction company, and Internationale Nederlanden Groep

NV, a Dutch banking concern. BAe said the proceeds would be used to reduce its debt, which stood at £721 milhon as of June 30, up from

£257 million a year earlier. Ballast Nedam said some of its shares would be floated onthe Amsterdam exchange in the spring. (Reuters, AFX)

even lower. The cost of living rose by only 4 percent in Decem putting Italy only a notch behind Germany on the price front.

Next year's average inflation target has been set at 3.5 percent but on Tuesday, Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said it was realistic to expect the rate to fall to 25

percent by December 1994.

A severe recession helped control inflation, but the final figure is all the more surprising in view of the 30 percent fall in the value of the lira against most currencies. This pushed up the cost of imports.

A landmark cost-of-labor accord reached in July abolished decades of automatic salary increases and this put a damper on prices. "It was one of the changes in recent months that have attacked the very root causes of Italy's endemic inflation," said an economist at the hank Credito Italiano.

The agreement will bear its fruits for several more years by limiting pay increases to official inflation targets and establishing a firm link between wages and productivity.

Other changes in the Italian economy are likely to make sure consumer prices do not spiral up-wards. The spread of supermarket chains after decades in which they played only a marginal role is also forcing traditional corner stores to keep prices low to stay in business.

British Coal's Anticlimax Privatization Set, but Little Left to Sell

LONDON - Britain's oncemighty "King Coal" is up for sale next year.

But with its market eroded by less expensive imported coal, natural gas and nuclear power, the sale of state-owned British Coal will hardly be the "ultimate privatization" that the government once promised.

Now, the government says it has no idea what the future holds for the industry that powered Britain's industrial revolution.

"I don't pretend to say what it will be in three, five or 10 years," Industry Minister Michael Heseitine, who introduced the legislation to privatize the industry, said. "The market will be the

The industry has shrunk in the past year to 22 mines and 15,000 workers from 50 mines and 50,000 workers — a far cry from the 1920s, when 1.2 million miners toiled in more than 1,000 col-

A storm of public anger greet-ed government plans in late 1991 to shut 31 of the 50 coal mines then in operation and throw 30,000 miners out of work as it whipped British Coal into shape for privatization.

Protest marches, newspaper editorials and a revolt within the governing Conservative Party persuaded the government to give 12 of the condemned mines a reprieve for "market testing."

But eight of them have since northeastern England and Scot-closed, and with unsold coal contiming to pile up, the others are

But unlike previous privatizaexpected to shut down as well. tions, which added billions of pounds to the Treasury's coffers. The total number of operating mines could dwindle to 10 by the this sale is not expected to raise anything, because of clean-up li-abilities that the government will time of the sell-off, expected in mid-1994, energy specialists say. And the industry's long-term assume for the mines.

outlook is even more bleak. Some trace the industry's decline to the privatization of Brit-"I don't see any British coal ain's energy sector that was diindustry worth talking of in 10 or 15 years," Steve Thomas of the rected by former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the government's decision to rely on market forces in setting energy

Critics say that Britain, which has half of Western Europe's

coal supplies, is wasting a valu-

able resource and jeopardizing

its long-term energy security by

relying increasingly on foreign

The National Union of Mine

Workers also has accused the

government of running down the industry as a political vendetta

against the union, still headed by

Arthur Scargill, who led a year

But some say the strike exacer

hated the industry's problems by

raising doubts about the reliabil-

ity of coal as an energy source.

for which no date has been set.

Morgan's stock fell \$1 to \$69.625

in New York after news reports

that the entire \$162 million Corsair

investment was at risk. But Morgan

"hopeful that we will continue to

play an advisory role with the Bank

In addition, a monetary source

commitment to Banesto's continu-

long strike in 1984-85.

'I don't see any British coal The move freed the big electricity-generating companies that had been British Coal's bigindustry worth gest customers to shop else-where, and they turned abroad talking of in 10 or for lower-priced coal supplies. 15 years.

Steve Thomas, Sussex University

science policy research unit at Sussex University said. "The time left for the coal industry is the time it will take to exhaust easily recoverable reserves in existing

And this time, the public's resoonse to the industry's fate has been one of indifference.

Plans call for British Coal to be sold to private operators in five regional packages covering the Midlands, Yorkshire, Wales.

More Cuts In Budget

Kohl Sees

BONN - Chanceller Heimut Kohl sees a need for additional spending cuts to make Germany тоге сопрешие.

"In 1993 we made a number of important and unpopular decisions to secure the future. Mr. Kohl said in his annual New Year's speech. the text of which was distributed on Thursday. But nevertheless secur-ing the future forces us to make more cuis."

Disappointed with higher taxes. falling income and fading job security, voters have given the Bonn coalition poor marks in polls ahead of next year's marathon stretch of 19 local, state, national and Euro-

pean Parliament elections. The government is busy trying to persuade voters that its program of belt-tightering is the only way to improve the economy and strengthen inclusive in the long term.

Recept economic data show that output, factory orders and business confidence in Western Germany

are rising. Mr. Kohl in a strong appeal for national unity, urged Germans not

to despair as the ranks of the unemployed swell to record highs. "We have to solve the problems that he shead." he said. "What we need is courage and realism, initia-

rive and confidence. Finance Minister Theo Waigel said he would resist any attempts to reverse social weifare cuts in next year's federal budget.

\$400 million convertible bond issue A Deal Goes Sour

Continued from Page 9 ship positions in these banks on the

and so far only investment, in large part because by the time the fund was ready to go in January 1993, U.S. bank stocks had already ral-

lied from depressed price levels.

of Spain in setting Banesto on a course to improved health." "Corsair will have the full resources of Morgan available to it, in Madrid said the Bank of Spain's says the confidential document used to woo potential investors to ity means it is highly unlikely the Corsair. "All major policies of the partnership including investment decisions will be reviewed and approved by Morgan's corporate office, the senior policy-making body comprised of Morgan's chairman, president and three vice chairmen.

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• France's unemployment rate held steady at 12 percent in November from October but was up 10.7 percent from a year ago.

Générale des Eaux SA is poised to buy a 10 percent stake in Canal Satellite, a satellite and cable network owned by Canal Plus SA, said a Générale des Eaux spokesman.

• Electroletx AB of Sweden said it had decided to exercise an option to acquire a further 10 percent stake in AEG Hausgerale AG, bringing its total share in the unit to 20 percent. Electrolux said it had been offered the chance to buy all shares in AEG Hausgeräte by AEG AG on Dec. 8. • EIS Group PLC, a British engineering company, said it had bought the Plenty group, which designs and makes fluid-handling gear, from the food company Booker PLC for £11.2 million (\$16.7 million).

• The Dutch central bank will trim its rate on special advances to 5.0 percent from 5.7 percent, a spokesman said.

 Portugal said it has sold the shipping line Soponata back to its former owners, the Mello family, for 7.9 billion escudos (\$45 million).

 The Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association said that production at nine Japanese car plants in Europe jumped 48 percent in 1993. to 534,000 vehicles.

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Banesto became Corsair's first. Russia Curbs Dollar Shopping

Russian stores will stop accepting what has become the currency of choice — the U.S. dollar.

The hard currency ban was orwhich has told stores to accept only rubles or credit cards, something few Russians have.

Many stores, especially those that sell imported merchandise, now accept dollars. Deutsche marks and other foreign currencies. Many refuse rubles.

MOSCOW - As of Jan. 1, most Natalia Khomenko, said national pride was one of the main motives for the bank's order. Inflation has sharply eroded the

value of the ruble since prices were dered by Russia's central bank, freed after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. The ruble, which was at one time officially worth more than the dollar, is now quoted at 1,250 to the U.S. unit. Ms. Khomenko said stores are

still allowed to fix prices in foreign currencies, and credit card transactions can be in hard currency.

With New Year, a Trade Giant

BRUSSELS - At the stroke of midnight Friday, the world's largest trading bloc - the European Economic Area — will be born, linking the 12-nation European Community and five of its neighbors.

The new bloc will be larger than the North American Free Trade Agreement —consisting of the United States, Canada and Mexico —in terms of population, trade volume and gross domestic product of its mem-ber countries. It extends the EC's single market to

Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Under the agreement, nationals of any of the 17 nations will have the right to seek work in any of the other countries. Businesses also will have the right of

The accord takes in five of the seven members of the European Free Trade Association, and four of them-Austria, Norway, Sweden and Finland - are negotiat- controls between the countries. ing for full membership in the EC. One other member, Liechtenstein, may seek to join soon.

The remaining EFTA country, Switzerland, voted

in a referendum not to seek membership. The Swiss instead are seeking bilateral trading accords with the

The four prospective EC members have expressed hope they will be about to join the Community a year from now. But EC officials have said their Jan. 1, 1995, target date for EC membership could prove too ambitious a goal. Difficult negotiations are expected in early 1994 for all four applicants, and they will need to get their electorates' support for membership in refer-

The advent of the EFA will mean more competition in areas such as public contracts, banking and insurance, several industrialists said.

But they said the accord was limited in that it did not extend to agriculture and did not remove border

Austria, in particular, complains that some of its products will continue to receive less favorable treatment than those from Eastern Europe.

BANESTO: It Needs \$3.5 Billion BANK:

Continued from Page 9 staff and splashed on marketing to

enhance its image.

Mr. Rojo said that by the end of 1992 it was clear Banesto was in serious trouble but Mr. Conde had drawn up a rescue plan which in-chuded selling its Banco de Madrid remained in place and the bank was subsidiary to Deutsche Bank and embarking on the biggest capital expansion in Spanish banking his-

It was moving in the right direc-

tion," Mr. Rojo said.
Banesto succeeded in raising 95 billion pesetas this August with a two-part rights issue, a chunk of bank's share value will be wiped which was taken up by J.P. Morgan & Co., Banesto's financial advisor,

Mr. Rojo said Banesto did not and Morgan's Corsair investment

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India's Silicon Valley Moves to State-of-the-Art

By Edward A. Gargan New York Tones Service

BANGALORE, India - Staring at his computer, his thumb drumming on his desk, Mohan Kumar typed characters onto a screen to produce bits of the program for a global satellite telephone system being built by Motorola Inc.

"India has a lot of talented engineers, but they aren't always doing the most advanced work." Mr. Kumer said. "Here we are on the cutting edge."

Since the late 1970s, multinational companies, led by American computer makers, have been coming to India for its well-trained but relatively low-paid computer engineers. At Motorola, for instance, a midlevel engineer makes \$800 a month, a small fraction of what the position would pay in the United States, Europe or

Tapan.

But in recent years, the number of such operations has grown tremendously, and they have begun to produce state-of-the-art work, including components hand-held satellite telephone system,

The system was conceived and designed in the United States, but Motorola officials say that in the last couple of years they have started to make some of

its most advanced components in India. With the growth of computer technology and soft- major Indian export.

ware development in India, Bangalore, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) southeast of Bombay, has become the hub of India's Silicon Valley, home to more than 100 computer software companies and hardware industries - and perhaps tens of thousands of com-

Only the United States and possibly Russia have more software engineers than India.

It used to be that the fastest thing around Bangalore was the racetrack — and even there, the horses ran more slowly than their counterparts in Europe or America. But a decade ago, India built up its own space program with Bangalore as its center, and the city edged away from its somnolent roots.

Now, with the growth of the computer industry, the city has a professional middle class with broad aspirations and talents. A pub culture, with people roaming from bar to bar in the evenings, has emerged here and nowhere else in India.

The best hotels in India are in Bangalore, all with the most advanced services for business professionals. And despite this, the racetrack with its not-so-fast horses is still here.

Computer manufacturing is still a tiny industry in India compared with the laster-growing economies elsewhere in Asia. But software is rapidly becoming a

moko, reported.

radios, the longer-distance cordless telephone systems uon in Bangalore. being introduced in Hong Kong and Britain, cellular elephones and the still-gestating Iridium system.

an Indian trade group estimates that software prod-ucts exported by both home-grown and foreign ventures based in India will surpass \$350 million, growing 55 percent from 1992.

"We have a tremendous cost and quality advantage in India," said Dewang Mehta, executive director of the National Association of Software and Services Companies, the major trade group in the country, referring to the lower Indian wage scale and the skill of the work force.

"We have a very high amount of trainable manpower, all English-speaking," he said. "This is really a sumrise industry in this country. Everybody is getting

Much of the work done in India is rated as routine, even mediocre programming. John C. Dvorak, a col-umnist for PC Magazine, recently wrote, "I've yet to see any decent code come out of India."

But executives say that many companies are begin-

President Suharto urged state-owned companies

Indonesia is expecting lower income from oil

and gas because of lower prices, and Mr. Suharto

called for steps to boost exports of other products

Oil and gas remain Indonesia's economic main

stay. They accounted for more than 40 percent of

The information minister said economic growth

this year has exceeded the annual target figure of 5

percent for the current five-year plan ending in March. He did not specify this year's figure.

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to sell some of their shares to foreign investors to

strengthen their capital structure.

to help make up for the decline.

the country's export earnings last year.

All the engineering done for Motorola in India is contracted for by units of the company, principally in United States. Europe or Asia. Among the leaders in the United States, including those producing mobile that effort is Motoroia's two-year-oid software opera-

The communications company, which has sites across the globe, has obtained the highest rating for its Eight years 290, Indian software companies export-team under criteria established by the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie-Meilon University in

> No other Motorola plant has managed to obtain an equivalent rating, and around the world only a handful of organizations have attained this standard.

> From the outset, Motorola adopted a cautious approach toward India, compared with other computer and software companies.

"We wanted to set up in Asia." said Terence M.S. Heng director of external technology planning for the company, who was in Bangalore recently. "There's no question that, when one looked at India, one is struck by the very very great excess of graduates."

But despite India's reputation for cheap software

engineering. Motorola's management insists that lower costs alone did not justify setting up in India.
The products at Bangalore are "nigh-level software"

that drives Motorola's systems, William V. Braun. senior vice president and director of research and development, said.

China Worries NAFTA Will

The comments, made by an unidentified trade official and carried by the state-run news agency Xinhua, reflect China's growing concern about future access to its largest overseas market. The United

"smack of trade protectionism."

labor and export composition is concerned." Xinhua said. The report also expressed concern

that Mexico would become more competitive for investment in advanced technology, management and capital. "This will threaten China's role in the North American

Freeze It Out

The Associated Press

BELING — China on Thursday criticized the North American Free Trade Agreement as protectionist and a threat to Chinese commerce with the United States.

States estimates its trade deficit with China as \$20 billion this year.

While acknowledging NAFTA should help expand world trade, the Chinese official was paraphrased as saving that some of its provisions

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Very briefly:

 South Korea said GEC-Alsthom was sull the top candidate to build its high-speed rail link between Seoul and Pusan, dismissing news reports that the French-British concern might lose out to a German competitor.

 India's central bank accepted the resignations of two officials who were severely criticized in a report on the country's 50 billion rupee (\$1.61 billion) securities scandal: the resignation of the finance minister, who was mildly criticized in the report, has not been accepted or rejected.

• IBM Singapore said it would cut jobs. The International Business Machines Corp. unit declined to provide figures or other details, but the Business Times quoted industry sources as expecting a reduction of 5 percent to 15 percent in the 720-person work force.

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fices in Hong Kong thought it had But the director-general of industry, Denise Yue, said political problems ranked low in foreign invisions concerns. She said the number of foreign companies with regional operations in Hong Kong had grown 9 percent, to 1,468, since

the last government survey a year "Concern is one thing but their factory or improved were infra-actions speak louder. They don't structure, banking and financial faseem to be discouraged by the political climate," she said.

Hong Kong.

But Mr. Chiang's support for a waiver on the current transport restrictions, reported Thursday in the

"From our contacts with some

most sensitive indicator of business confidence, has recently largely ig-nored the quarrel between Britain and China, and prices have more than doubled this year.

U.S. companies have the most regional bases in Hong Kong followed by Japan and Britain. China has come from nowhere to fourth position, an indication of soaring mainland investment.

Other concerns among foreign companies with regional operations in Hong Kong include the rising cost of labor and accommodation. Altogether 66.5 percent said labor costs had increased and 70.2 percent cited office and fac-

Factors that were ranked satis-

Malaysia Sets Up Islamic Money Market

JAKARTA — Anticipating lower state income from oil sales, President Suharto ordered govern-

ment agencies Thursday to limit spending and take

At a year-end cabinet meeting, President Su-

harto said the government should accept only low-interest foreign loans and should limit use of export credits to avoid trade balance problems in

the coming years, the information minister, Har-

The president said officials should limit travels

abroad, and the government will not provide funds

for new buildings for government agencies in the fiscal year starting in April.

care in foreign borrowing next fiscal year.

KUALALUMPUR — Malaysia nama news agency reported. The periods of investment in the market ket based on the profit-sharing concept on Monday, a central bank

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periods of a month or less, 80 percent for loans of between one and three months, and 90 percent for periods exceeding three months.

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TAIWAN: Plan to End China Shipping Ban Makes Waves in Hong Kong Continued from Page 1 — with the mainland, we would be all but still dramatic policy change.

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> cal and security pressure on us, Taiwan would not consider opening direct transportation links," the council's vice chairman. Kao Koong-lian, was quoted as saying in a China News report Thursday. vice president of International In-

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said, according to the newspaper China News. Although the minister proposed limiting direct traffic to the importation of raw materials and semi-finished products from China and sending some Taiwan exports to restricted Chinese ports, his comments were interpreted as signal the government may enact a gradu-

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Connecticut Hits a Bump On Its Hawaii Trip: Ohio

The Associated Press

The way No. 14 Connecticut had been playing, the trip to Hawaii the week after Christmas was supposed to be simple: win three games, accept the Big Island Invitational championship trophy and head back for the rigors of the Big East.

The Huskies had cruised to eight victories to open the season, the latest a 40-point opening-round victory over Texas-Arlington in the tournament at Hilo. On Wednesday night, they ran into a problem they had not faced all season: playing catch up.

Ohio University took command early and then made the free throws down the stretch to hand the Huskies an 85-76 semifinal loss. Said Connecticut's coach, Jim Calhoun: "Just like you can't simulate our press, you can't simulate somebody getting ahead on you and say, 'Come on, let's make up points.' Obviously, I don't think we did a good job of that. We tried to catch them down the stretch. We fouled them, but they hit the shots.

They stood up to us.' The Bobcats (7-3) made 17 of 21 foul shots in the final 2:13. the crowning touch after a night of mixing up defenses that frustrated Connecticut, which trailed the whole game after a tie at 2.

Gary Trent scored 11 of his 19 points in the first eight minutes as the Bobcats took a 20-8 lead on the way to leading 42-28 at halftime.

Gene Ford had 22 points to lead the Bobcats, while Donyell Marshall who had a career-high 33 points Tuesday night, had 22. He scored six points in an 8-0 run that brought the Huskies within 55-49.

second half.

"We were able to handle their transition game," said Ohio's coach, Larry Hunter, "Our guards played well and our bench responded when we got into foul trouble. It was an overall team victory."

No. 4 Temple 63, Fairleigh Dickinson 51: The Owls (5-1) took third place in the ECAC Holiday Festival in New York behind Aaron McKie's 18 points and 17 each

COLLEGE BASKETBALL from Eddie Jones and Rick Brun-

son. Tanner Robinson had 14 points to lead the Knights (4-4). No. 6 Kansas 73, Rhode Island 60: In Kansas City, the Jayhawks (12-1) dominated the backboards and overcome 28 turnovers to advance to the championship game of the Golden Harvest Classic against Southern Methodist, Richard Scott had 17 points and Greg Ostertag pulled down a career-high 13 re-

bounds. Kyle Ivey-Jones led the Rams (3-2) with 22 points. No. 9 Massachusetts 94, Mary-land 80: Lou Roe scored 30 points and Mike Williams had careerhighs of 25 points and 10 assists as the Minutemen (9-1) stopped the Terrapins (7-2) to win the Hall of Fame Classic in Springfield, Mas-

No. 11 Louisville 83, Florida 68: to the championship game of the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu. Florida was down 16 but rallied on a 3-pointer, were led by Doug within 65-57 with 2:47 left on Craig Muse's 20 points. Florida was down 16 but rallied

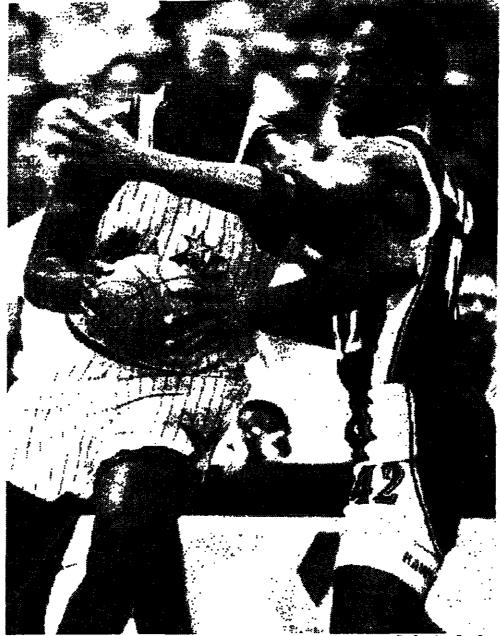
the closest they would get in the Brown's 3-pointer. The Cardinals made four of their next six free throws and the Gators never got pressure and stop Connecticut's closer than 10 the rest of the way.

No. 15 Georgia Tech 71, St. John's 69: The Yellow Jackets (9-1) benefited from what appeared to be a bad call to beat the Redmen (7-3), who had won five straight, and win the ECAC Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden. With the score 69-69, Georgia Tech called a timeout with 26 seconds left on the game clock and 22 on the 35-second shot clock. Travis Best dribbled out the time and found Ivano Newbill for a layup that appeared to be late, but it was the game's final points with 3.6

No. 17 Wisconsin 103, Gram-bling St. 83: Freshman center Rashard Griffith had 20 points, seven rebounds and four blocks for the Badgers (8-0), who blew away from a 55-47 lead with a 19-4 run. Dan Avery had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the visiting Tigers (4-5).

No. 19 Syracuse 85, Colgate 74: The Orangemen (8-1) went on a 17-0 run for a 69-42 lead in the home victory over the Red Raiders (4-5).

No. 20 Oklahoma St. 79, Cal Santa Barbara 74: Randy Ruther-ford had 15 of his 17 points in the second half when the Cowboys (8-4) broke from a 27-27 halftime tie the consolation round of the Rainbow Classic, Oklahoma State Dwayne Morton had 22 points as center Bryant Reeves continued to the Cardinals (7-1) stopped a late struggle with 10 points, giving him rally by Florida (8-2) and advanced 14 in the two tournament games. The Gauchos (3-6), who closed within 77-74 with two seconds left



Shaquille O'Neal plowed past Atlanta's Kevin Willis, but was later ejected for disputing a call.

Sonics and Lakers Spice Un Sland

The Associated Press

The Seattle SuperSonics were rolling along toward a 22d victory in 25 games in lackbuster fashion. How about a brawl to liven

things up? The Los Angeles Lakers, whose 99-92 loss was their 10th in 12 games and lifth straight at home, cut a 12-point deficit to 75-72 late in the third quarter Wednesday.

Then a couple of blocked shots increased the emotional tempera-

tures of both teams, and on the

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

Lakers' next possession, Ricky Pierce committed a flagrant foul against Sedale Threatt with 10 seconds left in the period.

Pierce stood over Threatt and glared at the Lakers' guard as he gared at the Lakers guard as he was on his back, prompting the Lakers' forward Dong Christie to grab Pierce by the jersey. Both benches emptied and Anthony Peeler numbled over the press table during the ensuing melee. Christie, Peeler and Pierce were

ejected with technical fouls. "It got emotional, and I think that helped us," said Seattle's coach, George Karl. "It was a dull game and one of those slow and sloppy games, which I think always helps the lesser team."

The scuffle took on added di-Christie both have ties to the Sonics. Threatt spent three seasons with them before he was traded to the Lakers, and Christie was Seattle's No. I pick in the 1992 draft and was traded to Los Angeles af-

strong scored 25 points and Toni Kukoc hit 11 of his 16 in the fourth quarter against New Jersey. The Bulls took the lead for good

in the fourth period when Kukoc hit a 3-pointer followed by two consecutive baskets for a 78-73 lead. Jazz 110, Celtics 107: Utah biew

a 19-point lead to Boston, then dominated the overtime period to hand the Celtics their seventh straight loss overall and ninth in a row on the road.

The Jazz took the lead for good in the first minute of overtime on a layup by Tom Chambers, and they held the Celtics without a field goal

for the first four minutes. Boston railied from a six-point deficit in the last minute, but Douglas was short on a 3-point

attempt in the final second.

Hawks 92, Magic 90: Kevin Willis missed 13 of his first 15 shots. then scored twice in the final minute, including the game-winner with 4.4 seconds left, as Atlanta won at Orlando. Shaquille O'Neal was not in the

middle to defend against Willis after being ejected in the third quarter for arguing an official's call. Willis, who finished with 15

points and 15 rebounds, gave the Hawks a 90-88 advantage with a short hook shot with 58 seconds remaining Donald Royal's two free throws tied it with 21 seconds mension because Threatt and left before Willis scored again, making it 92-90. Dennis Scott's 3point attempt to win the game bounced off the rim.

Kings 103, Bollets 97: Sacramento, down by 16 points in the third quarter, won for the second time in ter failing to agree on a contract.

Bulls 94, Nets 86: Chicago won its 10th consecutive game and minth straight at home as B. J. Arm-

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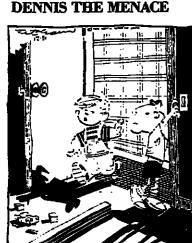
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Eyeing No. 1, Irish Coach Turns the Tables on '89 Vote

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before Notre Dame's mid-November game against Florida State, Coach Lon Holtz said that even if his 1993 Fighting Irish team had only one loss, he wasn't sure the voters would pick Notre Dame as the national champion.

Heading into the New Year's Day bowls, Holtz looks prophetic. Four teams remain in the running for the national title: Florida State, Nebraska, West Virginia and Notre Dame. Based on the results of polis ar the end of the regular season, the Isish would most likely ascend to a national title only if a three-part chain of events happens on Satur-day: Top-ranked Florida State would have to tie with secondranked Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, third-ranked West Virginia must lose to Florida in the Sugar Bowl and Notre Dame must beat Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. But even then, the hish could be edged out for the final No. 1 ranking by FSU - a team that Notre

Dame beat, 31-24, on Nov. 13. Perhaps because he's still feeling the sting of the lash for the remarks he made on New Year's Day 1990, Holtz said: "I'm not campaigning for his by what I'm about to say, O.K.? I'm just answering your-mestions. And I just think, like the preme Court, the voters should go back and look at precedent."

Four seasons ago, Holtz was re-buted for campaigning for his 1989 frish team to be voted national champion ahead of Miami, despite Missin's 27-10 victory over visiting Notre Dame in that year's regular-

Holtz said that because Notre to head, said Holtz "Well, I don't Dame and Miami each finished the sees lot of difference in the scenarseason with one loss, Notre Dame in then and now." should have won the national fife because it defeated unbeater Colo-rado—then No. I—in the Orange Bowl and the Irish had played a

tongher schedule than Miami.

"Perhaps the toughest schedule ever," Holtz recalls. "We faited nine bowl teams."
Holtz argued then — as Florida State essentially is doing now --

> 'I don't have anything against Florida State.

They have a great team. I just want this to be a 💝 democratic vote.

Lon Heltz. Notre Dame coach

of Notre Dame's season should. dispute about it. When we played them, we won 21-6."

Still, the media skewered Holtz.
What many, many reporters wrote was Notre Dame had played the toughest schedule, but late in the year they lost to Miami head-eryone votes.

Indeed, Notre Dame's case for the 1993 national championship is what Miami's argument was in 1989: If this year's unbeatens -Nebraska and West Virginia -- both iose, an 11-1 Notre Dame deserves the No. I ranking ahead of Florida State because Notre Dame handed the Seminoles their only loss.

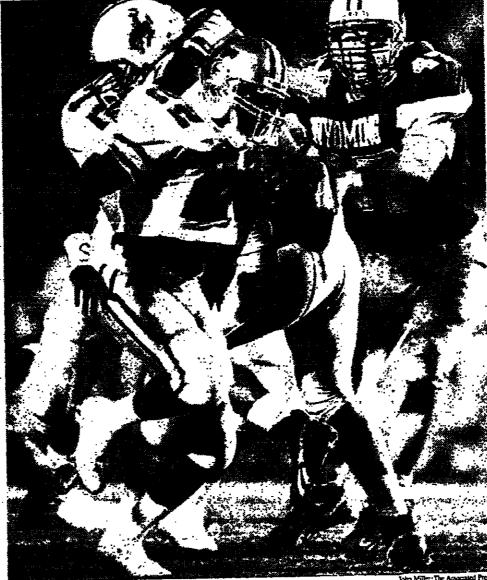
Although the Seminoles now arme that their Notre Dame loss came down to the last play of the game, Notre Dame counters that its 41-39 loss to Boston College came on a last-second field goal. -

Arguing that FSU's bowl result against No. 1 Nebraska should override all else rubs Notre Dame the wrong way, too. Among the gang of three contenders that could have faced Nebraska, Irish supporters think Florida State was least deserving — because of the head-to-head loss at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame, unlike West Virginia, can also point to a hellish 1993 schedule that featured six bowl teams, the same as FSU.

- "If Nebraska should win its have mattered more than one loss. bowl, Nebraska should be No. 1," "We played in the Kickoff Class said Holiz. If West Virginia wins, sic that year, we were No. I in the they'd have a great case for country 12 weeks in a row until the No. I. And after that, look, I don't have anything against Florida was 11-0, everybody's No. 1, no country the the they'd have a great team. I just the the they'd have a great team. I just the the they have a great team. I just the the they have a great team. I just the the they have a great team. I just the the they have a great team. I just the the they have a great team. rather than a communistic vote."

- "And by communistic," he added with a laugh, "I mean I would hope there will be more than one name listed on the ballot when ev-



BOWL RECORD AND ROUT - Kansas State's J. J. Smith heading to a Copper Bowl rushing

Small Sloop, Ninety Seven, Wins in Sydney

Compiled b. Our Staff From Disputches board and survived six hours in the SYDNEY - The small Sydney sloop Ninety Seven survived mountainous seas and mast-snapping 70knot gales to win the Sydney-totake line honors in 40 years.

The 14.3-meter (47-foot) Ninety Seven took four days, 54 minutes. 11 seconds to cover the 630 miles (1,020 kilometers) in one of the toughest races in the event's 49-

After pounding into southerly headwinds for almost the entire race, Ninety Seven crossed the finish line in the Derwent River under a blue and white spinnaker.

"We raced to win and when the wind came up a bit heavy we slowed down a little," said the owner and skipper, Andrew Strachan. "It was a good race, not hard, although we had breezes up to 70 knots one night." he said.

should with a little caution when the wind came up to that strength and we survived very well with the only damage being to the head-board of the mainsail," he added.

The 12.2-meter Cuckoos Nest. steered by Australia's winning America's Cup tactician, Hugh Trehane, finished second, two hours behind Ninety Seven. Wild Thing is expected to take

third, but a group including Sword of Orion, Hartz Mineral Waters. Liberator and pocket maxi Bobsled are battling for fourth and fifth. The fierce winds and huge 11-

meter seas savaged the fleet, sinking two boats and forcing 67 of the 105 yachts to retire with broken gear or damaged hulls.

Race officials estimated the

damage bill for yacht owners at close to 3 million Australian dollars (\$2 million). One skipper was washed over-

wild seas before being rescued

The veteran ocean racer Syd Fischer, who was forced to retire his boat. Ragamuffin, after it started Hobart yacht race on Thursday to delaminate, said the conditions and become the smallest boat to take line honors in 40 years.

were worse than those he had endured in the 1979 Fastnet race in Britain, in which 15 sailors died.

"It was pretty wild out there." Fischer said Thursday, "In the Fastnet race we had a 40-foot wave crash over us. But this time the waves were just as big and they were more persistent."
Strachan defended race organiz-

ers for not calling off the race in the face of media criticism after a skipper was swept overboard.

We are here to sail and enjoy it and this is part of the challenge," he said. "This is an ocean race, it is conducted by a club that is very experienced, and the person that made that statement really has rocks in their head."

"They should go judge tennis or "It was a good event, we were dancing, not judge ocean racing," well prepared and we sailed it as we Strachan added.

As Ninety Seven crossed the line, the 11.6-meter Wang issued a distress call saying it was likely to lose

its keel and was taking water.
The race director, Greg Halls, said two yachts were standing by to pick up the crew, while the official race vessel was heading for the yacht to tow her to safety.

Ninety Seven, a 33-to-1 outsider and in her debut in a long ocean race, is the smallest yacht to win line honors since the 11.8-meter Solveig in 1953. The 1993 race was also one of the slowest in 20 years.

Ninety Seven arrived far behind the race record held by the American Jim Kilroy, who took Kialoa II to Hobart in two days, 14 hours, 36 minutes in 1975. Kilroy was helped by trailing winds averaging 20 knots.

Ninety Seven's time was the slowest since Apollo's four days, 2 hours, 23 minutes, 24 seconds in (Renters AP)

For Title-Seeking No. 3 West Virginia, Unbeaten's the Word though the team's swift and no But it's the defense that can be glitch ascent made for one of the nearest stories of the season, it still sive coordinator, Tommy Tuber-

That was eight weeks ago, according to the Giants, an eternity ago. In their locker room on Wednesday, there was a different attitude. There was anger, from being bypassed by Pro Bowl voters (no Giants defenders

The Giants say this is a different team emotionally and physically, and, they insist, the Giants won't get blown out this time.

"Reports have it we shouldn't show up Sunday because they have all those Pro Bowless and we don't," said Collins, with a sly smile.

The Giants lost to Dallas at Texas Stadium on Nov. 7, 31-9, in what

was their worst performance of the year. Since that day, the Giants have

gone 6-1 and have never really come close to playing the kind of game they did against the Cowboys. In fact, they say that this is the game they have been building toward since that game. This is their season.

"This is the game of all games," said defensive end Keith Hamilton.

"We've been looking forward to playing them again because last time we

It was Collins who was perhaps the most vocal Giant on Wednesday.

since it was Collins who felt the biggest sind. He basically lost out to Chicago's Donnell Woolford, a fifth-year player. Woolford has 101 tackles, 22 pass deflections and 2 interceptions. Collins' statistics: 62 tackles, 17 pass deflections and 4 interceptions (one returned for a touckdown), as well as a quarterback sack.

Collins said that this was his best season since 1990, and that season he didn't make the Pro Bowl either. He hinted that maybe the snub is

because players and coaches from other teams — as well as the local news

media — don't like him. Three Giants made the Pro Bowl, all from the offense. They were Phil Simms, center Bart Oates and offensive lineman

tumbo Elliott, who has missed five of the last six games with a back injury

Collins spoke briefly about going against Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin. Collins hinted that it is Aikman who makes Irvin a good receiver.

"What makes Irvm a good receiver?" Collins said. "Troy Aikman. He gets the ball to him."

But when Alkman came back, big difference."

Collins will be granding livin on Sunday. This should be interesting

Later Collins said: "When Troy was out hurt, Irvin didn't do too much.

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By Ken Denlinger hineron Post Service

WASHINGTON - If an attorwere presenting the case for ney were presenting the case for West Virginia to be named the best college football team in the country, the argument to the jury would begin in a respectfully moderate voice: "We're unbeaten." The at-

torney would add, "We're unbeaten,"

and for emphasis might say, again, "We're unbeaten."

Moving immediately to the same mation, the attorney would seemed the railing and all but should the railing and all but should we're unbeaten — and only the other teams can say that the constituted them, Anburn, is on probation and the other teams can say that there are two: Jake Kelchner and barren Studstall. Kelchner would be the state to the same of the quarterback, because there are two: Jake Kelchner and barren Studstall. Kelchner would be the state to the state there are two: Jake Kelchner would be the state to the state there are two: Jake Kelchner would be the state the state there are two: Jake Kelchner would be the state the state there are two: Jake Kelchner would be the state the state there are two: Jake Kelchner would be the state the state

would get to make. Coming off 47, 6-5 and 5-4-2 seasons. Ceach Don-Nehlen was feeling some heat from fans, who thought the team should not have dropped so dramatically after playing for the national championship in the 1989 Fiests Bowl. ranked in the presenson. And even

SIDELINES

Redskins Reject Arbitrator's Order

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Redskins are rejecting an arbitrator's finding that their players are obligated to pay minor dues or face suspension from Friday's National Football League game between the Redskins (4-11) and the Minnesota Vikings (8-7).

Thirty-five players on the Redskins' roster have refused to pay the \$5,000 animal dues, saying they disagreed with several provisions of the contract signed this year by NFL club owners and the players' union. A state judge in Virginia, Thomas Home, said Thurisday that he would mile their in the day on a sunt by tight end Tetry Orr seeking a court order furbidding any suspensions before the game Friday. The Vikings can be a playeff berth with a victory. Several Redskin players—anchaining in a playoff berth with a victory. Several Redskin players—anchaining in the backer Carl Banks—said Wednesday that they would forfelt their last paysheck and sit out the game rather than pay.

Phillies Give Dykstra \$27.5 Million

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Outfielder Lenny Dykstra, who led the National League in at-bats, runs, hits and walks last season, signed a five-year, \$27.5 million contract on Thursday that will keep him with the Philadelphia Phillies.

The contract includes his \$2.6 million deal for 1994, plus a signing bonus and various award bonuses. It runs through 1998 and includes an option year for 1999. Dykstra, 30, hit 348, with four homers and eight

RBIs, during the Phillies World Series loss to the Toronto Blue Jays this

League's most valuable player.

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year. He was runner-up to San Francisco's Barry Bonds as the National

said Miami's defensive coordinator, Tommy Tuberville. "And the punter beat us, kept
us in a hole all night."
Indeed, Todd Sauerbrun's season-long 45.1-yard average would naver ranked third in the country
at the high-octane Florida
State offense, and that Nebrashruns an occasion.

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It's a simplistic offense, with no awe of the defending Super Bowl champs and suffered from stage fright.

entensive andible system, said "We didn't play well for some reason, and Dallas, of course, was a big Boston College's defensive coordinator, Steve Szabo.

We that, "said the team's coach, Dan Reeves. "They took no prisoners. They tried to kill us all. That's the way a championship team

Appropriately for a team whose does it." virtues were unknown for so long, it was a member of the always. anonymous offensive line, tackle The Mountaineers were m- Rich Braham, who made the all-America team.

were selected), and some cockiness.

were embanassed."

hat made it anyway.

How far have the Mountaineers

come in 11 games? They were offering two-for-one ticket deals for the season opener against Eastern Michigan. They broke the previous attendance re-

The schedule worked for and posinst the Mountaineers. It was helpful that their home schedule well-regarded Louisville and

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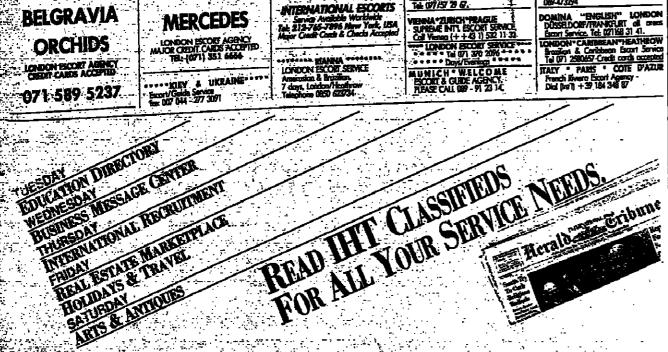
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1: President-elect William Jefferson Rodham Kennedy Clinton, preparing for the task of being the most powerful human on Earth after 4,000 straight months on the campaign trail, sits down with his top aides and a complete set of the World Book Encyclopedia to learn about all these foreign countries.

3: Depressed Outgoing President Bush goes to Russia to see if they have any historic nuclear documents for him to sign.

13: The nomination of Zoe Baird, Chinton's choice for attorney general, appears to be in trouble following reports that she is an illegal alien.

20: The Clinton Inauguration goes off without a hitch, except that Depressed Outgoing President Bush shows up in his bathrobe.

23: Zoe Baird is forced to withdraw her name

from nomination following a tense 18-hour standoff with agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

FEBRUARY

6: In another setback for the new administration, President Clinton's second choice for attorney general, Kimba Wood, is forced to withdraw from consideration after The Washington Post reports that she failed to pay the federal tax on people who are named after lionesses.

9: President Clinton announces that he is sending troops "into this blue-colored country next to this pink-colored country here."

15: After a frantic search, President Clinton picks Janet Reno to be his attorney general, citing her "tremendous height."

26: In a tragedy that shocks the nation, a massive bomb blast rocks the World Trade Center, just two days after the World Trade Center bombing episode of "Beavis and Butt-head."

MARCH

1: In Florida, an 11-year-old girl sues for the right to leave her parents and live with her grandparents. 4: In Ohio, a 15-year-old boy sues for the right to leave his parents and live with Michelle Pfeiffer. 10: In Los Angeles, attorneys in the Rodney King assault trial present expert wimesses who state that the officers were influenced by the motorist-beating episode of "Beavis and Butt-head." APRIL

11: In his first major foreign-policy address, President Clinton announces that he has located Somalia on the map and decided that our mission will be to feed starving people and capture the evil fugitive warlord General Mohammed Farrah Aidid.

14: Mia Farrow, through her lawyer, presents documents linking Woody Allen to the World Trade Center bombing.

15: In Waco, Texas, agents of the Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempt to drive Branch Davidian cult members from their compound by using a powerful sound system to play a recording of Vice President Al Gore explaining ozone depletion. Cult members attempt to wave the white flag of surrender, but fall asleep before

they can get to the window.

19: Federal authorities, concerned about the



safety of Branch Davidian children under the control of apocalyptic suicidal paranoid loons, devel-op a seemingly flawless plan: ATTACK THE COMPOUND WITH ARMORED VEHICLES. Everybody is shocked when the violent paranoid

loous do not respond well to this. 30: True Item: In an effort to raise money to restore fire-damaged Windsor Palace. Oneen Elizabeth II decides to allow the public to tour Buckingham Palace for an admission charge.

3: Queen Elizabeth II decides to rent Prince Charles out for weddings and bar mitzvahs. 6: True Item: Just-released government documents reveal that Walt Disney was an informant for the FBI.

7: Just-released government documents reveal that from 1948 through 1951 Donald Duck was a member of the Communist Party.

13: In Somalia, U.S. troops are thwarted in their

effort to capture warlord General Mohammed Farrah Aidid because he has shrewdly registered under a false name "Fugitive General John Smith" at the Mogadishu Hilton.

8: Fighting in Bosnia halts as soldiers on both sides line up to see "Jurassic Park." 15: Canada elects a new prime minister, fueling speculation that people live up there.

17: True Item: A consumer in Seattle reports finding a hypodermic syringe in a can of Diet Pepsi.

JULY

1: A consumer in Detroit reports finding a switchblade knife in a can of Diet Pepsi. 8: In a major breakthrough, Japanese trade negotiators, after two years of stiff resistance,

agree to order an American pizza. 13: Massive flooding strikes the Midwest, only days after the massive-flooding episode on "Beavis

25: The Food and Drug Administration announces a ban on products that contain ingredients.

AUGUST

3: A consumer in Baton Rouge reports finding a machete in a can of Diet Pepsi.

14: After weeks of intense debate, Congress passes, and President Clinton signs, a historic budget agreement under which everybody's taxes

will be jacked up retroactive to Jan. I, 1973, and the federal deficit will absolutely, positively, with no loopholes, be reduced as soon as the polar ice can reaches Ecuador. 28: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in Tokyo because of what a spokesperson describes as "a

SEPTEMBER

1: A consumer in Boston reports finding an AK-47 assault rifle in a can of Diet Pepsi. In a move strongly opposed by the National Rifle Association, the California legislature passes a law requiring a five-day "cooling-off" period on purchases of Diet Pepsi. 13: In a White House treaty-signing ceremony watched around the world, the Mideast conflict finally comes to an end as Israeli Prime Minister Yinzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, encouraged by President Clinton, engage in a historic handshake. Conflict resumes immediately when Rabin discovers that Arafat is wearing a "joy

18: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in Zurich because of what a spokesperson describes as "the

OCTOBER

2: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in London because of what a spokesperson describes as "post-

3: As tension mounts between the Russian parhament and President Boris Yeltsin, President Clinton in what will later be viewed as a strategic error, sends officials of the Bureau of Alcohol. Tobacco and Firearms over to help out.

6: True Item: President Clinton announces that he wants to get the United States out of Somalia and is therefore sending 2,000 more troops there:
10: Michael Jackson cancels a concert in Barcelona because of what a spokesperson describes as

"a 14-foot tapeworm."
27: Wildfires rage through Southern California
only hours after the broadcast of the wildfire episode of "Beavis and Butt-head."

NOVEMBER.

1: Ross Perot claims NAFTA will permit "giant Mexican squirrels" to cross the border and bite

9: In a live televised debate over NAFTA, Ross Perot, in what is widely viewed as a tactical error. bites Al Gore on the ankle.

22: On the 30th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's death, a Los Angeles jury views the Zapruder film and concludes that the shooting was a suicide.

DECEMBER

1: A consumer in Orlando reports finding the Ark of the Covenant in a can of Diet Pepsi. 6: An alarming new study shows that 14 percent of Americans do not speak English, and the vast

majority of them write computer manuals. 10: In an indicator of the tough anti-crime move sweeping the nation, New Jersey approves the death penalty for talking during movies.

18: A sheepish President Clinton annous

that he finally got around to actually READING the NAFTA agreement, and it turns out that Mexico now has 124 seats in the U.S. Senate.

27: The Senate votes to give Texas back to Mexico. There is surprisingly little public opposition to this.

31: In a development that deeply disturbs the international community, the Chicago Tribune re-ports that the Chinese have agreed to sell nuclear weapons to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. We do not wish to create panic, but this news comes only hours before the scheduled broadcast of the end-of-the-world episode of "Beavis and Butt-head." It's best not to think about it.

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Britain's Honors List

make the list of Britain's great and Hall of Fame. The 21st annual adgood less class-ridden. Prime Minis- ditions also included Bob Dylan's ter John Major invited Britons to "Blowin' in the Wind," Manue submit the names of people whose Smith and Her Jazz Hounds' "Cragood works might have been over good works might have been over looked by official selectors. Among penny Opera" and the album the ordinary Britons honored as a "Miles Ahead" by Miles Davis. a London bus conductor and the anager of a seaside hotel where Major stayed this year. Among the famous being honored; the actor Derek Jacobi became a knight bachelor, the singer Shirley Bassey became a Commander of the British Empire as did the designer Paul Smith, and the actor Donald Pleasance was awarded the Order of the British Empire, Rebecca Stephens, the first British woman to climb Mount Everest, became an MBE.

Champagne off the shelves of France by midnight Thorsday. Ma- the trust. They still own the land? jor department stores and perfume must pay taxes on it, but the t shops say they've been sold out since can prohibit any development on,... last week. Last October a Paris court ruled that the fashion designer could not use the name Champagne for his latest scent because it "undermined" the reputation of the sparkling wine, and an appeals court upheld the ruling. "You could actually follow police chief. "He was always meant the legal battle by watching the sales charts," said Philippe Charoing, Hall, programming director of KFlhead buyer for the chain Shop 8. AM. "It's the end of the year and it intercess like a read it for the chain shop 8.

The Duchess of York is in Anstralia with her two daughters, Princess Beatrice and Princess Engenic, to attend the wedding of her sister. Jane Makim. She will marry Rainer

Gérard Depardieu will host the 19th César awards, France's equivalent of the Oscars, in February. Wine produced from Depardieu's own vineyard will be served at the banquet afterward at Fouquet's restaurant on the Champs-Elysées.

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences has add-

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

A handful of "ordinary" people ed the Beach Boys "Good Vibra-made it into the New Year honors itons" and Tony Bennett's "I Left on Friday under a new system to My Heart in San Francisco" to its

Shirley MacLaine is selling a piece of mountaintop after criticism over her plans to build a house there. MacLaine's plan for her land atop Atalaya Mountain in New Mexico caught the attention of her neighbor. former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, who accused her of trying to

become "queen of the mountain." ... Meanwhile, Harrison Ford is handing over all the benefits, but none of the headaches, of nearly 400 acres along the Snake River to the Jackson Hole Land Trust in Wyo-Yves Saint Laurent wasn't having ming. The actor and his wife, the any trouble pulling his new perfume screenwriter Melissa Mathison, do ming. The actor and his wife, the nated a conservation easement

> . 🗆 Daryl Gates is leaving the cowaves, but his retirement as a tal-show host is much more amicable

"People wanted to own the bottle just seems like a good time for a that was going to disappear." The transition like this." Gates began at perfume will still be sold under the name Champagne outside France. of the police during riots that year. The artist Jeff Koons, the estranged husband of Cicciolina, a

porn star and former member of Italy's parliament, is caring for their Luedecke, an Australian marketing 13-month-old son but denies kidnapping him. The artist has filed for divorce in New York and is seeking custody of the boy, whom he brought back from Rome on Christmas Eve. His wife (real name: Ilona Staller) says Koons kidnapped the child from her home in Rome.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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North America The bitter cold will ease from Washington to Boston this weekend, but there will be a few rain and snow showers. Snow its passible from

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Beijing will have tranquil
weather this weekend.
Another blast of cold air will
arrive early next week.

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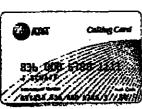
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